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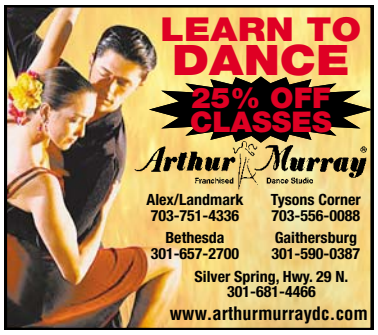

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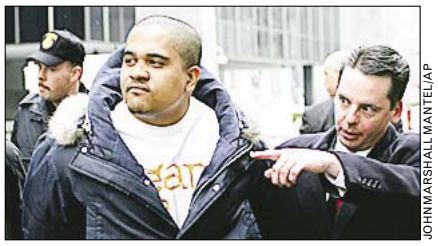
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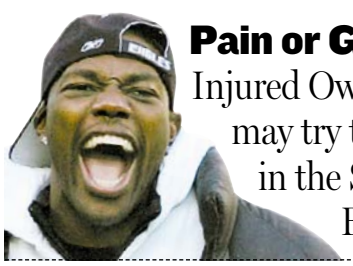

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PHIL MCCARTEN/AP

CHAIN REACTION: An emergency crew works the scene in Glendale, Calif., on Wednesday after a commuter train hit a SUV parked on its tracks by a suicidal man, then careened into another train. Ten people were killed, more than 180 were injured. ❖ **Crime scene:** SUV owner faces homicide charges | **Page 3**

Deadliest Day Yet in Iraq

Chopper crash, ambushes push toll for U.S. troops to 37

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | A U.S. helicopter crashed early Wednesday in a desert sandstorm, killing the 30 Marines and one sailor aboard, and six other troops were killed by insurgent ambushes in the heaviest single-day loss of life for the United States since the Iraq war began.

Four days before the country's crucial elections, militants set off at least eight car bombs that killed 13 people and injured another 40, including 11 Americans. The guerrillas also carried out a string of attacks against schools that will serve as polling centers.

In Washington, President Bush asked Americans to remain committed to the Iraqi effort, despite what he called a "very discouraging" day when the U.S. death toll for the war rose above 1,400.

While a group calling itself al Qaeda in Iraq warned people to stay away from the polls, Bush called on Iraqis to "defy the terrorists" and cast ballots in the Sunday election.

A Bush administration official said the cause of Wednesday's crash was not immediately known but that there was bad weather at the time. An Accuweather map of Iraq showed sandstorms Wednesday in the western region where the crash took place.

The CH-53 Sea Stallion, with a crew from the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, was ferrying personnel from the 1st Marine Division when it went down near the town of Rutbah while conducting security operations, the military said in a statement.

A search and rescue team was sent to the site, and an investigation of the cause was under way. JASON KEYSER (AP)

❖ **Still unprepared:** Top U.S. commander in Iraq says Iraqi troops aren't ready to fend off insurgency | **Page 5**

FAITH | **God Is in the Details** The Virgin Mary's image popped up on a grilled cheese sandwich and Jesus appeared on a Swiss oyster shell — now a Cleveland man has found religion in an old clipboard. Douglas Snead, 74, said he's had the clipboard for years,

but only recently pulled it out of a closet and saw Christ's face on it, WKYZ-TV reported. He said his friends and nurse also see the face in the board's grain. God is sending a message, said Snead, though he's unsure what the message is. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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ORDER IN THE COURT

Mute Justice

A Largo, Fla., judge had to order officers to tape shut the mouth of a convicted killer who was cursing and spitting in court Monday. Judge Brandt Downey sentenced 25-year-old Emory Carter to life in prison last month for murder. Downey later realized he had forgotten to ask Carter if he wanted an attorney for his sentencing, so corrections deputies brought Carter back to court in a Hannibal Lecter-like restraint chair. That didn't shut Carter up, so Downey told bailiffs to use duct tape. (AP)

ART

Parting Shots

Two art professors resigned from the University of California, Los Angeles, after the university refused to suspend a graduate student who may have used a gun during a performance-art piece. On Nov. 29 in Culver City, a student simulated Russian roulette by appearing to point a loaded handgun at his head and pull the trigger, police said. The student left the room and what sounded like a gunshot was heard outside. Chris Burden and Nancy Rubins filed their retirement papers Dec. 20, saying the piece was "domestic terrorism" because people in the audience "feared for their lives," said Sarah Watson, who represents the two. Strangely enough, Burden himself did performance art before moving to sculpture in the late 1970s, including a piece titled "Shoot," in which he was shot in the upper arm with a .22-caliber rifle. (AP)

CHARLES PLATIAU/REUTERS

FASHION

Wed Head

If your fiance stays at the altar after you show up wearing this, you'll know he truly loves you. French designer Jean-Paul Gaultier exhibited his unique taste for bridal wear Tuesday in Paris, along with the rest of his lavish Spring/Summer 2005 high fashion collection, much of which adopted a distinctly African tribal feel using masks and beads. (EXPRESS)

MASSAGES

Something's Afoot

Firefighters rescued a woman's foot that was trapped in a massage machine Sunday at a Hong Kong store, police said. The 44-year-old woman was testing the OTO Big Foot massage machine when she felt a pain in her left foot and couldn't remove it, police said. Firefighters dismantled the machine, and the woman was sent to a hospital and later discharged. The manufacturer withdrew the product. (AP)

SMUGGLING

The White Christmas That Never Was

French officials have seized a set of Santa Claus decorations made of cocaine, the Journal du Dimanche newspaper reported. The smiling Father Christmases, with long white beards and red coats, were shipped in a van crossing into France from Spain Jan. 13. The Santas contained more than 11 pounds of cocaine. (EXPRESS)

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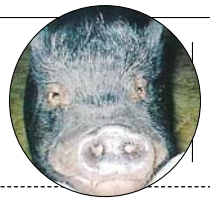
WINTER WATCH: Punxsutawney Phil, the groundhog, could have some competition this year when he looks for his shadow during his Feb. 2 forecast. Officials in Lexington, N.C., say Lil Bit, a 65-pound potbellied pig, will be doing the same.



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In Brief

WASHINGTON

Key Defense Adviser to Quit

The top policy adviser to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and a driving force behind the Pentagon's Iraq policy plans to resign from his post this year, a senior defense official said Wednesday. Douglas Feith would be the highest-ranking Pentagon official to leave. The No. 2 official, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, has said he plans to remain. (AP)

HARTFORD, CONN.

Prosecutors Appeal to High Court on Stay of Execution

Connecticut prosecutors asked the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday to override a stay of execution for serial killer Michael Ross and allow New England's first execution in 45 years to proceed. In a 35-page motion, prosecutors say that Judge Robert Chatigny was wrong to postpone Ross' execution in order to schedule a hearing on his mental capacity. (AP)

RALEIGH, N.C.

Man Incorrectly Declared Dead After Traffic Accident

A medical examiner studying a body in a morgue was startled when the man took a shallow breath — emergency medical technicians had declared Larry D. Green dead almost two hours earlier, after he was hit by a car. Green, 29, was taken to a hospital where he was in critical condition Wednesday. An investigation is pending. (AP)

Senate OKs Rice as Top Diplomat

Lawmakers approve Secretary of State, 85-13

WASHINGTON | Condoleezza Rice won confirmation as secretary of state Wednesday despite blistering criticism from Senate Democrats who accused her of misleading statements and said she must share the blame for mistakes and war deaths in Iraq.

The tally, though one-sided at 85-13, was still the largest "no" vote against any secretary of state nominee since 1825.

Separately, a Senate committee narrowly voted to send Alberto Gonzales' attorney general nomination to the full Senate. Jim Nicholson and Michael Leavitt won confirmation as the new secretaries of veterans affairs and health and human services respectively.

Rice, Bush's national security adviser for four years, becomes the first black woman to be America's top diplomat. She succeeds Colin Powell, a former Army general who clashed privately with some of the strongest hawks in Bush's inner circle.

Rice

Although Rice's nomination was never in doubt, Democrats mounted a lengthy and biting protest that showed she will not immediately match Powell's collegial relationship with Capitol Hill.

Democratic senators denounced Rice's job performance and truthfulness. Most criticism focused on Rice's role planning for war in Iraq and explaining the threat posed by ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. ANNE GEARAN (AP)

Calif. Commuter Train Wreck Kills 10

Suicidal man parked his SUV on railroad tracks, officials say

GLENDALE, CALIF. | A suicidal man parked his SUV on the railroad tracks and set off a crash of two commuter trains Wednesday that hurled passengers down the aisles and turned rail cars into smoking, twisted heaps of steel, authorities said. At least 10 people were killed and more than 180 injured.

The SUV driver got out at the last moment and survived.

The collision took place just before daybreak near Los Angeles. Dazed passengers staggered from the wreckage, some limping. It was the nation's deadliest train accident in nearly six years.

Authorities said Juan Manuel Alvarez, 25, of Compton, parked his sport utility vehicle on the tracks and got out before a Metrolink train smashed into it. The train then derailed and collided with another train going in the opposite direction. That train also jumped the tracks.

CHRIS CARLSON/AP

CRASH SITE: Workers examine the train wreckage on Wednesday in Glendale, Calif.

Alvarez was arrested and will face homicide charges, Police Chief Randy Adams said. Alvarez had also slashed his wrists and stabbed himself, but the injuries were not critical, authorities said. TIM MOLLOY (AP)

Famed Architect Of 'Glass Box' Buildings Dies

NEW YORK | Philip Johnson, whose austere "glass box" buildings and latter-day penchant for incorporating whimsical touches in his designs made him one of the most influential architects of the 20th century, has died at 98.

Johnson

Johnson died Tuesday at his home in New Canaan, Conn. — itself one of his most important creations.

Johnson's work, which spanned more than half a century, ranged from the modernism of his home, a glass cube in the woods, to the more fanciful work of his later years, including the AT&T Building in New York and the Crystal Cathedral in California. (AP)

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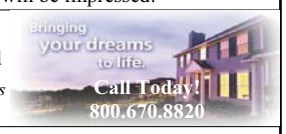

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CHARITY BOWL: Former presidents Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush will attend Super Bowl XXXIX and appear live on the Fox pregame show to make another plea for donations for victims of the Southeast Asian tsunami, the NFL said Wednesday.

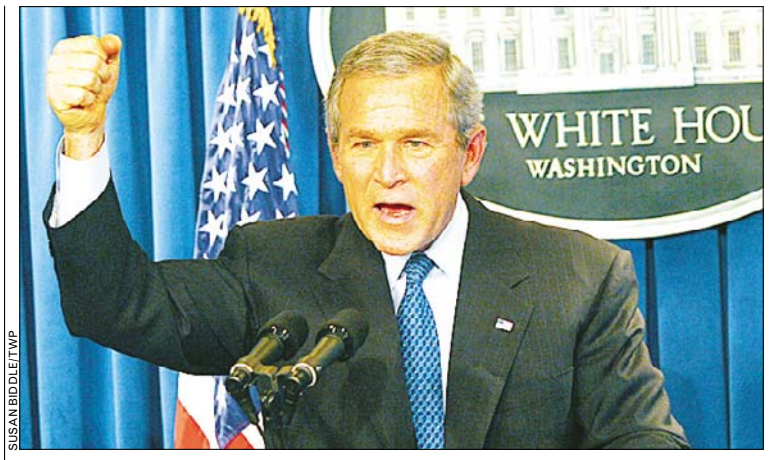
Bush Holds Firm on Goals

Asks for patience as U.S. suffers deadliest day so far in Iraq war

WASHINGTON | President Bush pleaded for Americans' patience Wednesday on what he conceded was "a very discouraging day" of death and violence for U.S. troops in Iraq. He urged Iraqis to defy terrorist threats and vote in Sunday's elections.

Bush held a news conference hours after more than 30 American troops perished in a helicopter crash in Iraq and insurgents killed five others.

On Iraq, Bush pledged: "We'll have the troop levels necessary to complete the mission. And that mission is to enable Iraq to defend herself from terrorists — homegrown or terrorists that come in from outside of the country."



SUSAN BIDDLE/TWP

Q&A: President Bush speaks to reporters at the White House on Wednesday.

It was the 18th full-blown news conference of Bush's presidency, covering issues from Social Security to his inaugural address.

"What you're hearing a little bit is whether or not it is worth the political price. I think it is," he said on Social Security. He pledged to lead a battle in Congress and travel across the country to convince Americans the system is in trouble.

Bush said he is leading the United States toward an honorable goal — in Iraq and across the world. "I firmly planted the flag of liberty," he said. TERENCE HUNT (AP)

Space Walking Astronauts Install Arm

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. | The two space station astronauts left their orbiting home in the hands of ground controllers Wednesday and floated outside to install an experimental robotic arm from Germany and inspect vents that might be causing air-supply equipment breakdowns.

Leroy Chiao, the American commander, and Salizhan Sharipov, a Russian, discovered sticky gunk on the vents and successfully hooked up the arm, solving a minor problem with an electrical connection on the robot system shortly before the spacewalk drew to a close.

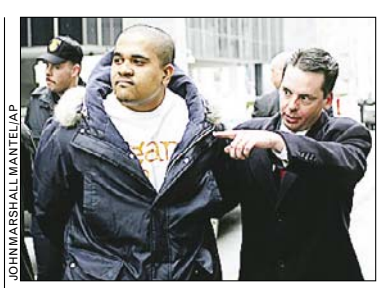
The spacewalk — unable to be completely televised because of a cold station antenna — was the first in Chiao and Sharipov's mission, now at the 3½-month point. (AP)

Rap Mogul Faces Charges in Probe

NEW YORK | In an industry built on tough talk, Murder Inc. made millions blurring the line between the studio and the street.

Founder Irv "Gotti" Lorenzo named his platinum-selling rap label after a crime syndicate. He borrowed his nickname from a Mafia don. And he made no secret of his friendship with one of New York's most notorious drug lords.

Prosecutors charged Wednesday that the criminal image was all too real. Gotti was led from an FBI office in handcuffs as he was charged with laundering more than $1 million in drug profits from Kenneth "Supreme" McGriff's multistate crack and heroin operation.



JOHNMARSHALL MANTEL/AP

Irv "Gotti" Lorenzo is led by police from an FBI office in New York Wednesday.

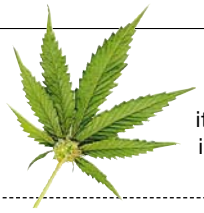
Recording in a studio dubbed "The Crackhouse," Murder Inc. has sold about 20 million records behind artists such as Ja Rule and Ashanti, who were not charged in the indictment. The company, owned partly by Def Jam, a subsidiary of Universal Music, has made about $200 million since it was founded in 1997, according to a source familiar with its operations. (AP)

Today in The Washington Post

Anchors Away: Big-name TV news anchors are staging their own invasion of Iraq this week ahead of the country's elections, despite the dangers of the assignment. | *Style*

Laser Focus: For hikers or astronomers, hand-held laser pointers are a unique tool — but to a pilot in a dark cockpit, the laser's beam is a disorienting blast of color. | *Page A1*

Stealthy Shots: Around the U.S., teams have been quietly snapping photos of businesses to create a new directory for A9.com, a subsidiary of Amazon. | *Business*



SEED STUNT: Dutch magazine Nieuwe Revu included an unusual freebie with its Jan. 26 issue — two marijuana seeds in a small plastic bag. The editor said the issue advocates legalizing marijuana and that the seeds were "OK" in quality.

World

In Brief

SUDAN

African Union: Sudan's Air Force Bombs Darfur Villages

The Sudanese air force bombed villagers in South Darfur on Wednesday, the African Union reported. "It is a major cease-fire violation," said the senior AU political officer for Sudan, Jean Baptiste Natama. It is rare that aerial bombardments are confirmed by the African Union, which has about 1,400 cease-fire monitors and protection troops in the western Sudan region. Sudanese government officials could not be reached for comment. (AP)

NETHERLANDS

Van Gogh Murder Suspect Wanted Islamic Theocracy

The man accused of murdering filmmaker Theo van Gogh — who offended many Muslims with his film that criticized the treatment of women under Islam — dreamed of replacing the Dutch government with an Islamic theocracy, and was supported by a network of like-minded fanatics, prosecutors said at the first public hearing in his case. The suspect, Mohammed Bouyeri, 26, did not appear at the pretrial hearing Wednesday. (AP)

INDIA

Officials Blamed for Fire, Stampede that Killed 250

Furious residents on Wednesday blamed local authorities for a fire and stampede the day before that killed more than 250 Hindus in a small town in west India, saying officials were ill-prepared for the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who attended the annual festival. (AP)

GERMANY

Top Court Says Universities Have Right to Charge Tuition

German universities can charge for tuition, the country's highest court ruled Wednesday, overturning a decades-old guarantee of free higher education regardless of income or social standing. The verdict came as Germans grapple with a brain-drain of their brightest researchers and persistently low rankings in international education studies — trends that have sparked ideological battles over education. (AP)

ANURUDDHA LOKUHAPUARACHCHI/REUTERS

TO CALM SEAS: A man floats a lamp in the ocean off a beach in Sri Lanka Wednesday to mark the first month since the tsunami.

In Asia, a Somber Milestone

Survivors commemorate month since tsunami

GALLE, SRI LANKA | Sri Lankans lit candles and chanted prayers for the dead to mark one month since the tsunami Wednesday, and mourners on a Thai island launched two new fishing boats in a first step toward rebuilding the devastated local fleet. On the hardest-hit Indonesian island of Sumatra, there were no memorials, but children went back to school and the empty desks of dead classmates.

A month after killer waves swept away more than 140,000 lives around the Indian Ocean, survivors quietly remembered the tragedy and carried on with the struggle to rebuild their lives. But behind the public grieving was a deepening sense of frustration.

"We have not received any assistance yet," read a banner strung between plastic tents housing survivors in Sri Lanka's southern city of Galle.

One month on, the full death toll from the massive earthquake and the tsunami it spawned is still unknown. Differing government tallies in Sri Lanka and Indonesia, the two hardest hit countries, have put the total number of dead in 11 countries between 144,000 and 178,000. As many as 147,000 people are missing — many of them presumed dead — raising the possibility that more than 300,000 died. TINI TRAN (AP)

Iraqi Troops' Readiness Still at Issue

Desertion, leadership vacuum are the main problems, general says

BAGHDAD | The top American commander in Iraq on Wednesday said U.S.-trained Iraqi security forces were still not ready to take over the counterinsurgency and there was no guarantee they will ever be able to defeat it on their own.

Gen. George Casey said the 130,000 Iraqi police and soldiers still lack leaders to direct them in a fight against rebels, and local police forces who've deserted in the thousands in the face of intimidation and withering assaults by guerrillas remain a key weak point.

"Can I sit here and look you in the eye and say that the Iraqi security forces guaranteed 100 percent are going to be able to defeat this insurgency by themselves? Of course not," Casey said.

Casey, who commands all multinational forces in Iraq, said that after the election U.S. trainers and advisers will work more closely with Iraqi forces, focusing on building senior division and brigade level leadership. JASON KEYSER (AP)

Four Held at Gitmo Freed Without Charge in Britain

LONDON | Four British men who spent up to three years in U.S. custody at Guantanamo Bay and then a day in the custody of British police were released Wednesday night without charge.

Moazzam Begg, Feroz Abbasi, Martin Mubanga and Richard Belmar returned to Britain Tuesday and were arrested under the Terrorism Act. Metropolitan police questioned them most of the day Wednesday, but announced after 9 p.m. that no charges would be filed.

There were no details on where the men would go next. (AP)

In Davos, Sharp Comments From Blair

At economic forum, he says U.S. must be part of world agenda

DAVOS, SWITZERLAND | British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Wednesday the United States must do more to address the concerns of the rest of the world if it expects support for its own policies, and he cited global warming as a prime example.

"If America wants the rest of the world to be part of the agenda it has set, it must be part of their agenda, too," he told the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum, a gathering of 2,500 world political and business leaders.

MICHAEL PROBST/AP

Blair at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, on Wednesday.

Blair's unusually sharp comments directed at the United States come at a time of growing public anger in Britain over his support for President Bush in Iraq and months before British general elections.

Alluding to one of the key issues dividing the United States from Europe, Blair said: "I support the Kyoto Protocol. Others will not ... but business and the global economy need to know this isn't an issue that is going away."

In his first term, Bush worked hard to rally international opinion behind the fight against terrorism — but his administration abandoned the 1997 Kyoto climate change agreement, arguing it would hurt American industry.

Blair added, however, that Bush's speech at his second inauguration last week indicated "there is a wish to reunify" in Washington. (AP)

World

MALPRACTICE: A former cab driver who made at least $2.7 million from asylum seekers and the sick after claiming to be a doctor was jailed for 10 years Wednesday by a London court. Barian Baluchi, 43, botched operations and regularly gave medical testimony in court.

Freeze on Mideast Talks Ends

Two sides hold series of high-level contacts as U.S. envoy arrives

JERUSALEM | Bolstering a conciliatory mood that has taken hold since Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas was inaugurated earlier this month, Israelis and Palestinians on Wednesday held their first high-level diplomatic meetings in more than 18 months.

A Palestinian official said afterward that a summit between Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon could take place in two weeks. Other officials on both sides said no date had been set.

The talks by Sharon's diplomatic adviser, Dov Weisglass, and Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat marked the first such high-level talks since the summer of 2003.

The unaccustomed flurry of Israeli-Palestinian contacts came as a senior American envoy, William J. Burns, arrived for talks with leaders on both sides. The assistant secretary of State said the Bush administration considered this a "promising moment" for the cause of Middle East peacemaking.

Abbas has deployed Palestinian troops in the Gaza Strip in an effort to stop militants from attacking Israeli targets and has been holding truce talks with armed factions, including Hamas and Islamic Jihad. In a gesture of its own, Israel signaled that it would suspend so-called "targeted killings" of Palestinian militants.

Apparently as a result of these measures, relative calm has prevailed for the past week in normally turbulent Gaza.

Still, sporadic violence continued. Israeli troops, returning what they said was fire from Palestinian gunmen, killed a Palestinian girl in central Gaza. Hospital officials said the child, reported to be between ages 3 and 5, was shot in the head.

The army said it was investigating the incident. LAURA KING (L.A. TIMES)

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STREET ART: A woman walks past snow people on Arbat Street in Moscow on Wednesday. Hundreds of the snow figures adorn the street in an effort to ward off winter doldrums and amuse Muscovites and tourists.

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CUT THE CORD: Sprint said this week that about 8,000 engineers at Ford Motor Co. will be dropping their desktop phones for cell phones, USA Today reported. Ford joins a few mostly small or midsize businesses nationwide to go wireless.

Money

Thanks to Surplus, D.C. to Cut Taxes

CFO touts $1.7 billion turnaround since city hit a low point in '97

WASHINGTON | The District of Columbia, ending 2004 in its best financial health ever, still must resolve a multibillion dollar funding imbalance before it can fix crumbling schools and roads, city officials said Wednesday.

Chief Financial Officer Natwar Gandhi pegged the current surplus at $230 million, putting the city's general fund balance over $1 billion for the first time.

The surplus is triggering an income tax cut for 2005, starting with residents earning more than $30,000. Income tax rates for the city's highest income bracket will be cut from 9.3 to 9 percent.

It was a $1.7 billion turnaround from 1997, when Mayor Anthony A. Williams was the CFO, Gandhi said. The city had deficits of more than $500 million and was nearly bankrupt.

"Other cities that have gone through such experiences — Philadelphia, New York and others — none have been able to come back as well or as fast," Gandhi said. He credited sound fiscal policy from the mayor and council.

But officials were quick to call for caution in celebrating. Aging roads, bridges and schools will require a $7.6 billion investment over the next five years, Gandhi said. The city budget can fund only $2 billion of that bill, he said, so officials are looking to Congress for help.

Of the $42 million available for use, City Administrator Robert Bobb said the city would like to provide more money for the new Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, the Anacostia Waterfront Development Corporation and health and air quality programs. BRETT ZONGKER (AP)

Riggs Expected to Plead Guilty in Federal Probe

WASHINGTON | Riggs Bank, under government scrutiny for its handling of foreign diplomats' and dictators' business, is expected to plead guilty to a criminal charge of failing to report suspicious transactions.

The Justice Department has been investigating the bank's handling — at the highest executive levels — of the accounts, including those held by Saudi diplomats in Washington and by former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet. Riggs is poised to sign a plea agreement that would fine the bank between $16 million and $18 million, The Wall Street Journal reported in Wednesday's editions.

Spokesmen for Riggs and the Justice Department declined to comment. However, a person familiar with the matter, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said a plea agreement appeared likely.

Riggs, an old-line Washington bank that drew prestige from its near-exclusive franchise on business with the capital's diplomatic community, was fined a record $25 million by a Treasury Department agency last May for alleged violations of laws to prevent money laundering in its handling of millions of dollars in the accounts controlled by Saudi diplomats and Equatorial Guinea officials.

The bank did not admit to or deny wrongdoing in agreeing to the civil fine. MARCY GORDON (AP)

AP

Riggs' handling of money for Chilean dictator Pinochet is under scrutiny.

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AIPC	25.45	+4.50	+21.5
Hartmx	8.49	+.92	+12.2
MagnHunt	14.85	+1.61	+12.2
HollyEn n	35.25	+2.99	+9.3
MS Globl	12.96	+1.01	+8.5

Losers

Cimarex	36.06	-4.12	-10.3
MidwstAir	2.40	-.27	-10.1
Sirva	15.16	-1.33	-8.1
Pactiv	21.70	-1.89	-8.0
AlamoGp	25.69	-1.85	-6.7

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
InfoSpce	46.80	+9.53	+25.6
Compuwre	6.94	+1.27	+22.4
PLX Tch	9.64	+1.73	+21.9
TrnSyA	21.50	+3.52	+19.6
Hologic	34.48	+5.00	+17.0

Losers

Innodata	4.55	-2.50	-35.5
LexarMd	4.16	-2.21	-34.7
Vernalis	2.82	-.39	-12.2
Aastrom	3.20	-.40	-11.1
StemCells	4.39	-.53	-10.8

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	5.25	5.25
Fed Funds close	2.3125	2.25
3-month	2.32	2.33
2-year	3.26	3.22
10-year	4.20	4.17
30-year	4.66	4.66

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5314	.5366	.5519
Canadian Dollar	1.2337	1.2373	1.3146
European Euro	.7651	.7715	.8021
Japanese Yen	102.97	104.23	106.31
Mexican Peso	11.2590	11.3120	10.9010
Taiwanese Dollar	31.89	31.84	33.68

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+37.03	+26.14	+5.66
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Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ABN Amro	27.10	+.06	+1.9
BcBilVArg	16.59	+.23	-6.5
BcoSnCH	11.87	+.19	-4.0
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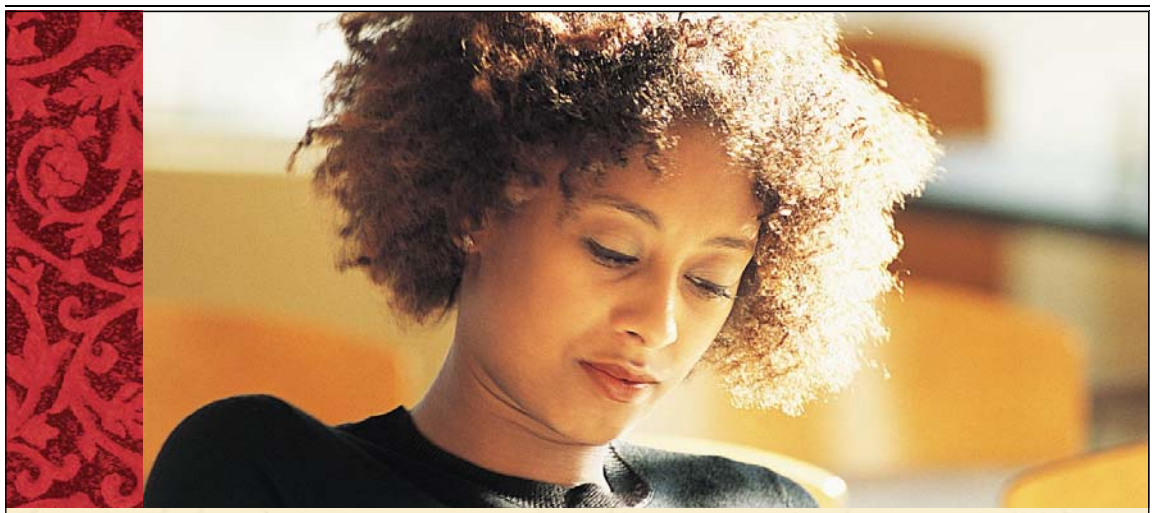

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Local

PERSONALITY TEST: Researchers took laser scans of a set of George Washington's dentures (which, they say, aren't made of wood) at a Baltimore museum Tuesday, which they hope to use in creating life-sized figures to show Washington's true personality.

Doors Open for Pot Ads on Metro

Justice Department says government can't block advertisements

WASHINGTON | The Justice Department won't defend a new law that withholds federal funds from Metro and other transit agencies that run pro-marijuana ads.

The decision effectively opens the door for transit operators to accept advertising that promotes the medical use or legalization of marijuana, without fear of losing millions of federal dollars.

The department dropped plans last month to appeal a federal court decision that found the law was unconstitutional. The government had until Wednesday to file a brief in the case.

In a letter to Congressional lawyers, Acting Solicitor General Paul Clement wrote, "The government does not have a viable argument to advance in the statute's defense."

Graham Boyd, director of the American Civil Liberties Union Drug Policy Litigation Project, called it "extraordinarily unusual" that the Justice Department would refuse to defend a federal statute.

Change the Climate, which last had an ad in Metro stations in October 2003, said it's planning a new campaign in an undetermined American city. Metro is ready to accept offers, spokesman Steven Taubenkibel said. CANDACE SMITH (AP)

INTERSTATE 95 | UP A CREEK

CHRIS GARDNER/AP

FLIPPED OVER: A truck is seen in the Middle Patuxent River along Interstate 95 in Savage, Md., after the truck driver, Dorek C. Miles, swerved to avoid a woman walking on the highway after she was in a separate accident on Wednesday. Miles suffered a broken leg and was in serious condition.

Bullying Targeted In New Va. Bill

RICHMOND, VA. | School bullies might want to reconsider picking a fight with a smaller kid or stuffing him in his locker if legislation endorsed Wednesday by a House of Delegates committee becomes law.

Del. Rob Bell's bill would require public schools to report incidents of bullying to the victim's parents, who could complain to police. It also would require school divisions to adopt bullying prevention policies and discourage bullying in their "character education" programs.

Bell, R-Albemarle, said a national study showed that about 160,000 students skip school on any given day to avoid being bullied, and victims often do not report incidents to school authorities or parents.

"This is interfering with our educational mission," he said. (AP)

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In Brief

ADELPHI, MD.

University of Maryland Raises In-State Tuition

The University System of Maryland's governing board voted Wednesday to raise in-state tuition by an average of 5.8 percent next fall at the state's public universities but rejected a proposal that would have capped rates at 5 percent over the next three years. By a 13-3 vote, the Board of Regents approved the new tuition rates and student fees for Maryland's 11 campuses. (AP)

RICHMOND

Va. Delegate Bland Resigns

Del. Fenton Bland, the focus of a federal and state investigation into his business dealings, pleaded guilty Wednesday to conspiracy to commit bank fraud. Bland, D-Petersburg, also resigned the House of Delegates seat he has held since 2002 hours after entering his plea in U.S. District Court. Bland, 42, faces up to five years in prison and a $250,000 fine as part of the plea agreement. (AP)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, January 26

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Mid-day Lucky Numbers	1-4-1 (white)
Evening Lucky Numbers	1-8-2 (red)
Mid-day DC 4	7-6-3-3
Evening DC 4	4-7-9-0
Quick Cash	1-19-9-28-7-36
Hot Five	14-15-31-10-27

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	5-9-0
Evening Pick 3	0-5-9
Mid-day Pick 4	7-0-8-7
Evening Pick 4	2-7-7-7
Match 5	2-22-23-25-32 Bonus: 39

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	9-5-8
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	3-7-1
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	8-1-0-0
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	7-6-2-9
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	4-11-15-27-30
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	6-7-12-22-25

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
Mega Millions (Tues.)	2-10-21-25-45
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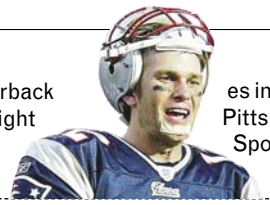


LEGEND GROWS: New England quarterback Tom Brady had a 103-degree fever the night before he threw two touchdown passes in the Patriots' 41-27 victory over the Pittsburgh in the AFC championship game, Sports Illustrated reports in this week's issue.

Sports

Colonials Not Ready for Prime Time

George Washington plummets from Top 25

COLLEGE HOOPS | For a few minutes, George Washington looked again like the dynamic team that beat Maryland and Michigan State last month. Fast breaks were converted at a dizzying pace, and Pops Mensah-Bonsu was dunking away.

But the Colonials couldn't hold an eight-point, first-half lead, and a 3-pointer at the buzzer by Xavier meant a 66-65 loss Tuesday night, erasing once and for all any notion that George Washington still belongs in the Top 25.

"At that point when we were in the Top 25, I said we're not a Top 25 team because we continue to have too many mental breakdowns," coach Karl Hobbs said.

Expected to roll through the Atlantic 10 in a down year for the conference, George Washington (12-5, 4-3) has lost three of four and is very much in the pack.

A month ago, the school was celebrating its first appearance in the Top 25 in six years, but Hobbs has found that his players weren't yet ready for prime time.

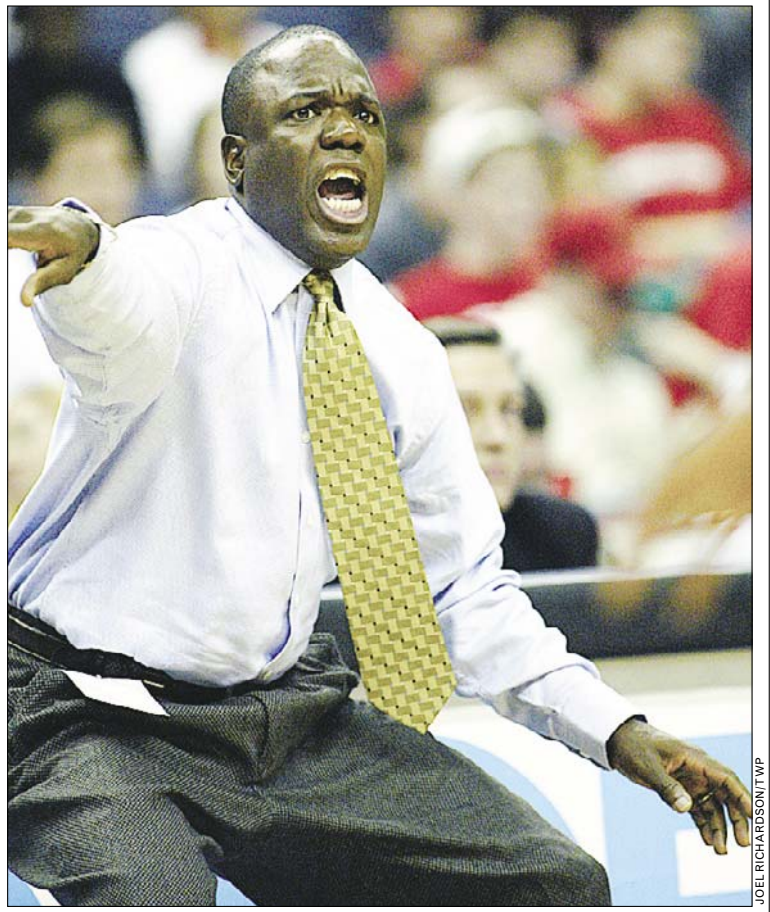
"The difficulty we're going through is we have guys who have never won before," Hobbs said. "They've never experienced getting attention.

"That's what we're dealing with, just trying to teach these guys what it takes to be at that level, what it takes to win," he said. "It's easy when there's no expectations on them. Now they're finding out, 'Oh, it's a little bit tougher now there's some expectations.'"

George Washington plays four of its next five at home, a crucial stretch that will likely define the season. While fans were crowing over the Top 25 ranking, Hobbs said all along that his first goal is to become a top-tier team in the Atlantic 10.

"We're still trying to chase Xavier," he said. "We're still trying to chase Dayton. We're still trying to chase those teams." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Late game: The Maryland-Duke game ended after Express' deadline. For results | **washingtonpost.com/sports**



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FEARFUL FORECASTER: George Washington coach Karl Hobbs said his team wasn't a Top 25 team. Unfortunately for him, the Colonials have proven him correct.

T.O. Wants To Play in Super Bowl

Doctor's warning be damned, Eagles WR rehabs injured ankle

FOOTBALL | Terrell Owens is treating his doctor's orders the way he deals with pesky cornerbacks: shrugging them off and forging ahead.

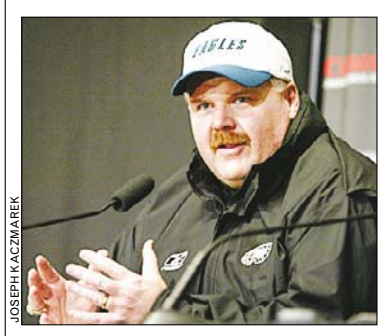
Philadelphia Eagles head trainer Rick Burkholder said Wednesday that Owens started jogging and plans to continue rehabbing his injured ankle in an attempt to play in the Super Bowl.

Dr. Mark Myerson, the surgeon who operated on the All-Pro receiver in December, said Tuesday he would not clear Owens to suit up against the New England Patriots on Feb. 6.

"We understand Dr. Myerson's point of view. It's just that our risk-reward is different than his risk-reward," Burkholder said.

The final decision on Owens' status will come down to the player, coach Andy Reid and the team's medical staff.

"We're never going to put Terrell at risk," Reid said. ROB MAADDI (AP)



JOSEPH KACZMAREK

Will coach Andy Reid let Owens play?

NHL Sides Agree To Meet Yet Again

HOCKEY | The latest round of talks between representatives of the NHL and the players' association wrapped up Wednesday without a deal but with the promise that the sides would meet again this week.

It was the third time in a week that each side sent a small group to try to find common ground that would lead to a new collective bargaining agreement.

All three sessions were held without commissioner Gary Bettman and union chief Bob Goodenow.

Although no details were immediately available, neither side planned to make a new proposal on Wednesday because the participants wanted to generate ideas through an open dialogue instead of working on a formal proposal. IRA PODELL (AP)

Ravens' Lewis Gets 4 Months in Jail

Judge goes along with Oct. plea bargain in case

RAVENS | Baltimore Ravens star Jamal Lewis was sentenced Wednesday to four months in prison for trying to set up a drug deal 4 1/2 years ago.

It was the sentence that the NFL running back had been expected to receive under a plea bargain reached with federal prosecutors in October.

Lewis, 25, also will have spend two months in a halfway house and perform 500 hours of community service after he gets out of prison. Prosecutors agreed to drop more serious charges of conspiracy and attempted possession of cocaine.

Lewis admitted using a cell phone to try to broker a cocaine deal for a childhood friend, Angelo Jackson. No drugs ever changed hands.

In explaining the short sentence, the U.S. District Judge Orinda Evans said the government did not have a very strong case and noted that the only witness against Lewis was an informant with a long criminal record. HARRY R. WEBER (AP)

Wizards Activate Point Guard Blake

WIZARDS | The Washington Wizards placed Larry Hughes on the injured list and activated guard Steve Blake on Wednesday.

Hughes, the team's second-leading scorer at 21.2 points per game, broke his right thumb in the fourth quarter of the Jan. 15 victory over Phoenix and hasn't played since. He is expected to return in late February.

Blake has played only eight games this season because of various problems with his left ankle. He broke the ankle in a pickup game last summer, had an arch strain in his foot in December, then sprained the ankle this month. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

TENNIS (2 P.M. ON ESPN2) Andy Roddick and Lleyton Hewitt face each other in the men's semifinals at the Australian Open.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) No. 15 Michigan State and Michigan resume their in-state rivalry.

COLLEGE HOOPS (8:30 P.M. ON FOX SPORTS NET) Washington and Arizona play for first place in the Pac 10.

NBA (7 P.M. ON TNT) The Indiana Pacers and Detroit Pistons play for the second time since the infamous NBA brawl late last year.

NBA (9:30 P.M. ON TNT) The Sacramento Kings visit the San Antonio Spurs, who currently have the best record in the NBA.

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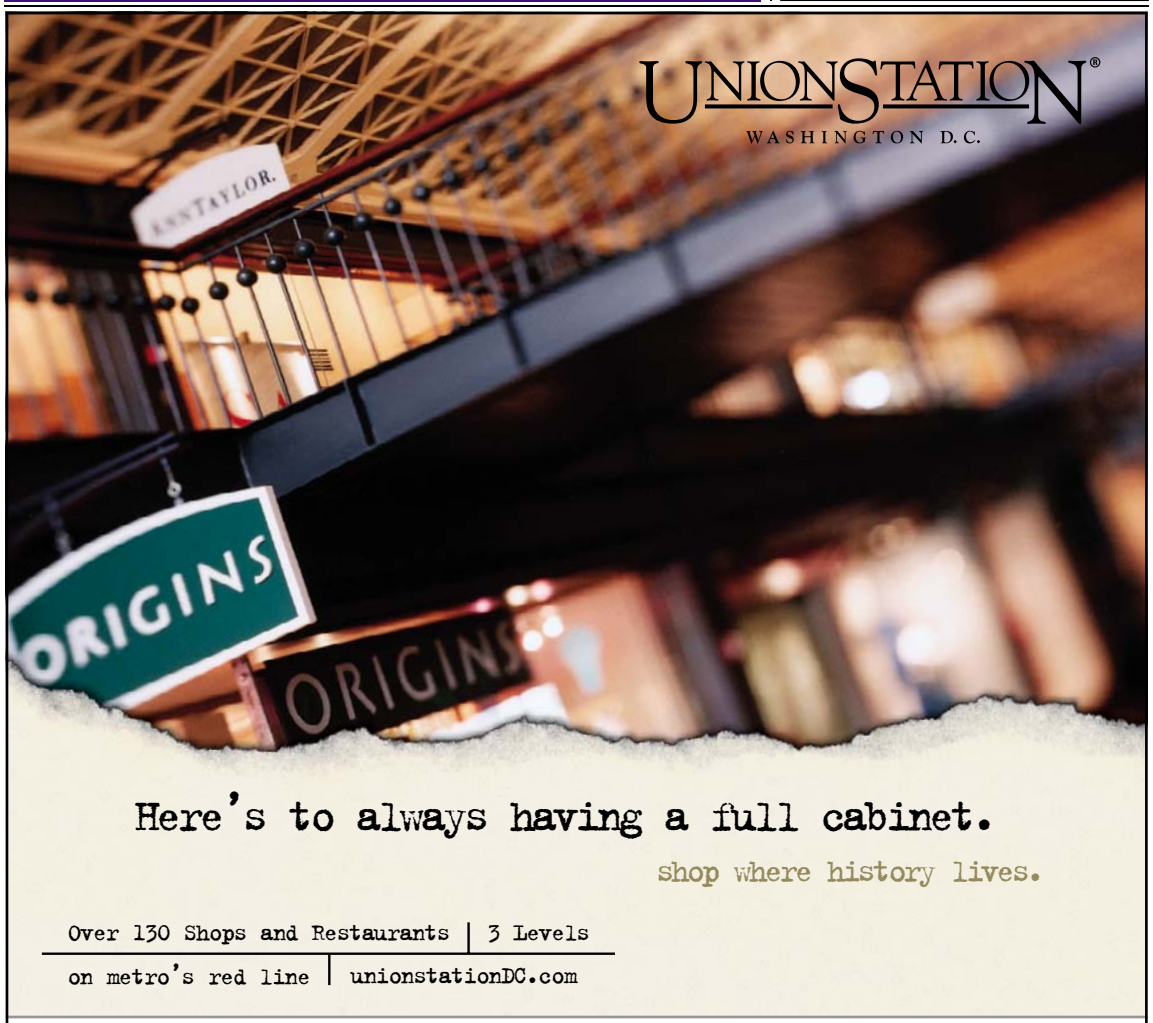

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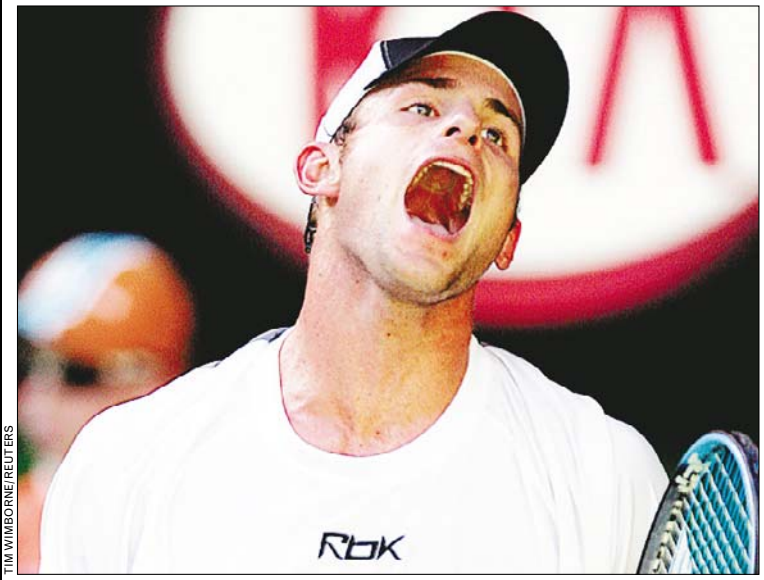

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RODDICK'S ROAR: Andy Roddick reacts after losing a point to Russia's Nikolay Davydenko on Wednesday at the Australian Open. Roddick won the match easily.

Roddick Breezes Into Semifinals

Top four men are still alive in Australia, Davenport moves on

TENNIS | His place in the Australian Open semifinals secured, Andy Roddick was off to the air-conditioned comfort of the casino and hoping for luck at the blackjack table. He couldn't have been dealt a better hand.

The 22-year-old was leading 6-3, 7-5, 4-1 when Nikolay Davydenko retired from their quarterfinal after 1 hour, 35 minutes Wednesday because he was having trouble breathing.

That was less time than Roddick's semifinal opponent, Lleyton Hewitt, needed for the fifth set alone before getting past Argentina's David Nalbandian 6-3, 6-2, 1-6, 3-6, 10-8 in 4 hours, 5 minutes.

Hewitt's marathon win ensured the top four seeded men made the semifinals at the Australian Open for the first time since 1988, and at any Grand Slam since 1995.

No. 1 Roger Federer and No. 4 Marat Safin met in the Australian final last year and face off again in the semifinals Thursday. No. 2 Roddick and No. 3 Hewitt play Friday.

The women's semifinals on Thursday match top-ranked Lindsay Davenport against France's Nathalie Dechy, and fourth-seeded Maria Sharapova and No. 7 Serena Williams in a rematch of last year's Wimbledon final, won by the 17-year-old Sharapova.

Davenport overcame Alicia Molik, 6-4, 4-6, 9-7 in the quarters. Dechy ousted Patty Schnyder 5-7, 6-1, 7-5. JOHN PYE (AP)

Athlete's Lookalike Caught in Scam

IDENTITY | A man with an uncanny resemblance to Iran's best-loved Olympic champion has been arrested for making $705,000 in scams by pretending to be the gold-medalist's brother, a newspaper said on Wednesday.

The Iran daily showed a photograph of a man who looked like "Iranian Hercules" Hossein Rezazadeh.

Hailed as "the world's strongest man," Rezazadeh smashed the world super-heavyweight weightlifting record to win gold in Sydney in 2000 and repeated the feat in Athens during the 2004 Games. (AP)

Sports

Mets Make Move For Mientkiewicz

First baseman still has not given World Series ball to Red Sox

BASEBALL | Doug Mientkiewicz is bringing his good glove to the New York Mets. The ball is another story.

The Mets acquired the former Gold Glove first baseman from the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday for minor league first baseman Ian Bladergroen.

New York obtained Mientkiewicz after Carlos Delgado accepted the Florida Marlins' $52 million, four-year offer Tuesday, spurning a $52 million proposal from New York.

Mientkiewicz, 30, won the 2001 AL Gold Glove with Minnesota and caught the final out of Boston's World Series sweep of St. Louis last October. He kept the ball, which the Red Sox want back. "I would like to keep the ball, too," former Boston and current Mets pitcher Pedro Martinez said Tuesday. (AP)

MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Mientkiewicz has refused to return the ball from the World Series' final out.

For the birds: Stung by a quiet offseason that has upset their fans, the Orioles are considering making a trade offer to bring in Sammy Sosa | **Today's Post, Sports**

FIGURE SKATING | QUITE THE PAIR

ANDREW MEDICHINI/AP

WINNERS: Russia's Tatiana Totmianina spins in the air after a throw by partner Maxim Marinin at the European Figure Skating Championships in Turin, Italy, on Wednesday. They won their fourth straight pairs competition title.

WHO KNEW? Chelsea's bid to win an unprecedented four titles in one season stayed on course as Jose Mourinho's Blues beat Manchester United 2-1 on Wednesday to set up a League Cup final showdown with Liverpool on Feb. 27. Chelsea has a 10-point lead at the top of the Premier League and is going strong in the Champions League and FA Cup. (AP)

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Something to See

The rowdy Guerrilla Film Festival finds a home for rogue flicks

FILM | There's a lovely irony to staging the Guerrilla Film Fest in an august edifice built with Carnegie family capital. Even better is the festival logo — Che Guevara meets "Planet of the Apes."

But festival director John Hanshaw is hell-bent on spotlighting indie and foreign films — the kind that lack a Denzel or a Sundance seal of approval — by any means necessary.

Of the 2,613 feature films submitted last year to the Sundance Film Festival, only about 120 made the cut. Maybe a dozen of those will find distributors. The most recognized name in American film festivals offers emerging filmmakers all the dignity of a cattle auction, at about the same odds for success.

Enter Hanshaw's vision. Harking back to the days when Sundance was a rowdy upstart, eager to poke a stick in Hollywood's eye, the Guerrilla Film Fest was born. This latest installment builds on the grassroots buzz that has been crescendoing since the first Guerrilla event in June 2003.

The festival anchor is "Beat the Drum," a South African entry. Musa, a 9-year-old Zulu boy, is soon to be orphaned by AIDS — which the villagers believe to be a curse ravaging their village.

When the family sacrifices its lone cow in an attempt to save Musa's father, Musa journeys alone to Johannesburg to find his uncle and somehow earn enough money to replace the cow.

Like the Inuit drama "Whale Rider" or the Iranian tale "The White Balloon," director David Hickson artfully navigates the country's grim situation to create a hopeful tale of a young hero.

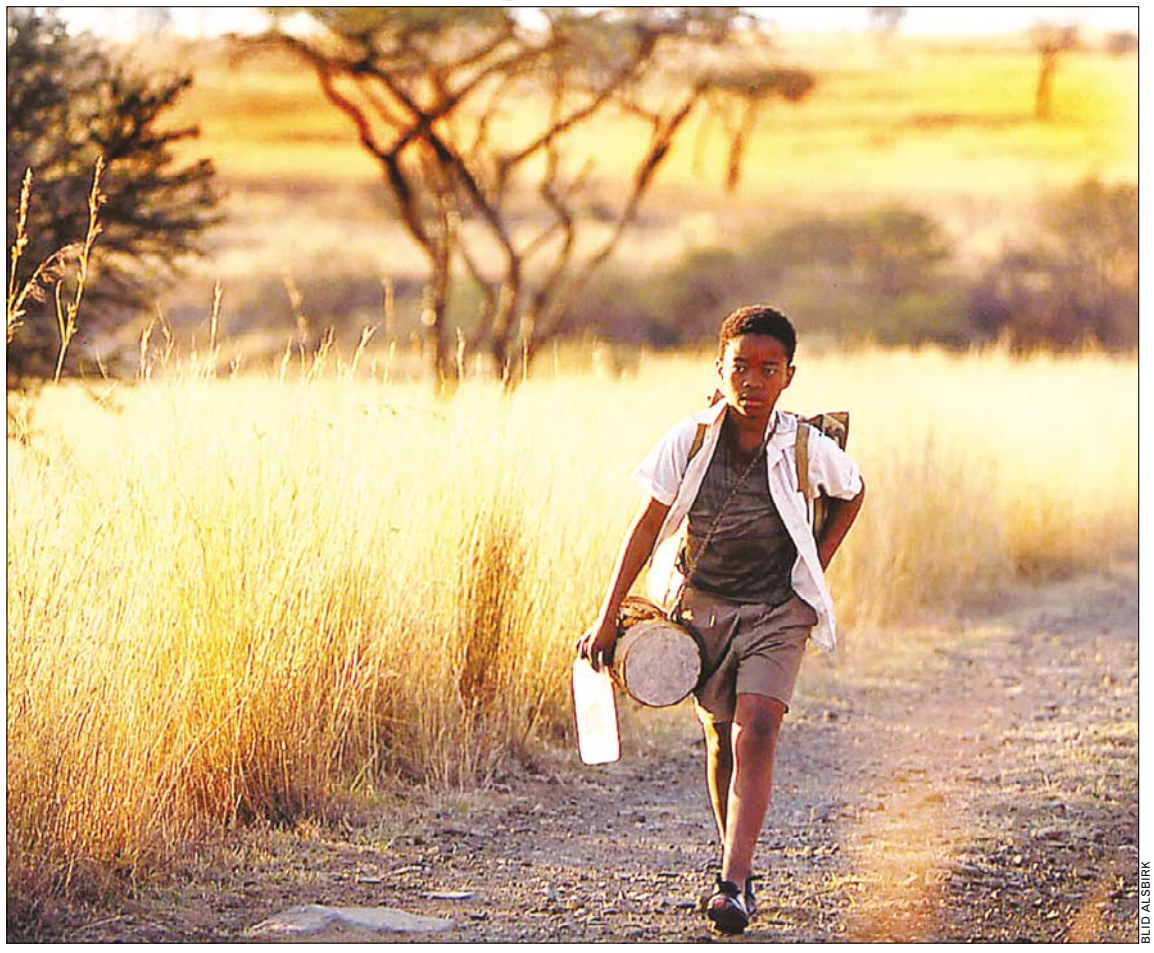
The 2003 movie has already wowed audiences and critics on the worldwide film festival circuit. Yet, despite a raft of awards, this may be the only time it plays Washington, D.C.

Six short films round out the offering. They range from slapstick ("The Climactic Death of Dark Ninja"), to noirish dystopian sci-fi ("Natural Selection"), to speculative history of two prison escapees who disappear the same night CBS radio reports UFOs over the U.S. ("Apple Jack").

As a great American said, the revolution will not be televised. But that doesn't mean you can't watch.

BOB MASSEY

Carnegie Institution, 16th and P streets NW; Sat., Jan. 29., short films at 7 p.m., feature at 9:30 p.m., $12-15; www.gfilmfest.com or 202-234-2889. (Dupont Circle)



BLID ALSBIRK

THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY: The character Musa (Junior Singo) sets out for the city in the South African film "Beat the Drum."

Top Stops

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Nearly Sublime: Badfish

For every defunct band, it seems, there's a tribute band ready to rock in a sedulous but loving style. Badfish covers the late Southern California ska-punk band Sublime, believe it or not, despite the fact that Sublime was never a huge band and its lead singer died nine years ago. But hey — we're always up for hearing "Santeria" again. That was a great song.

State Theatre, 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; with Rude Buddha, Driving East, 9 p.m., $12; 800-551-7328. (East Falls Church)

Rules of the Game: Andy Zipf at Black Cat

Singer-songwriter Andy Zipf plays melancholy, intelligent, lonely-boy rock with a spacey, electronic edge, whose professed lack of game is the game. But that's all right — anyone with a taste for a great melody and a plugged-in, interplanetary vibe is happy to play.

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; with Laura Burhenn, 9 p.m., $6; 800-551-7328. (U St.-Cardozo)

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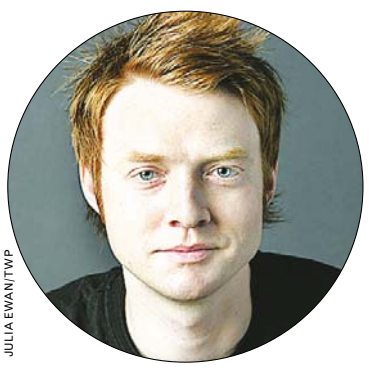

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Fans of indie rock swear by Zipf's full-length LP "I Stole the Morning Sun."

Swing Time: Jazz legend Anita O'Day joins Chip Jackson for a tribute to the 1940s.

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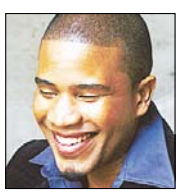

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It's Getting Hot in Here

Michael Crichton knows a hundred ways to scare people

PAGES | You've got to hand it to Michael Crichton. The guy who practically invented the techno-thriller knows how to push our buttons.

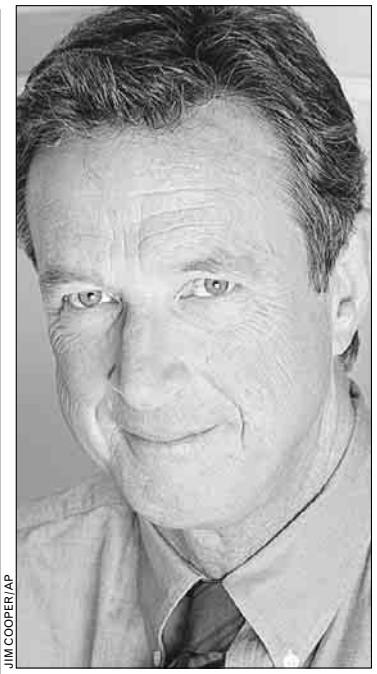
From the mysterious alien plague of "The Andromeda Strain" to the reconstituted raptors of "Jurassic Park" to the killer android cowboy of "Westworld," the bugaboos of Crichton's novels and films have become fixtures of pop culture. (Fun Fact to Know and Tell: In Italy, "Westworld" is known as "Il Mondo dei Robot.")

When Crichton appears Friday at the National Press Club, it'll be to sign his latest page-turner, "State of Fear." (Though admission is free, the evening is a fundraiser for NPC's Eric Friedheim Library. So if you want to get a copy signed, you have to buy it at the event.)

"State of Fear" envisions a scenario where eco-terrorists whip up a string of natural disasters. It's an attempt to shock people into supporting their radical world-view, which involves an arcane little theory called "global warming."

Lest there be any doubt where Crichton himself stands, he appends an "Author's Message" in which he draws comparisons between environmentalists and eugenicists.

"State of Fear" has already drawn criticism from climatologists who accuse the author of making a hash of the science. Although Crichton visited the Earth Institute at Columbia University while researching his book, the Institute's Web site now includes a detailed refutation of a number of his novel's assertions.



JIM COOPER/AP

Crichton crafts (usually) plausible nightmares for late-night readers.

Of course, anybody whose writing pulps as many trees as Crichton's does shouldn't be expected to be green. GLENN DIXON

National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW, 13th Floor; Fri., Jan. 28, 6:30 p.m.; free; for reservations, call 202-662-7129. (Metro Center)

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Move This: Tommy Parlon

Tommy Parlon Dance Project is a collection of modern dancers exploring the limits of movement potential and physical possibility. Parlon's work plays with the intrinsic nature of human interaction.

Dance Place, 3225 8th St., NE; Sat. & Sun., Jan. 29-30, 8 p.m. (Sat.), 4 p.m. (Sun.), $6-$18; 202-269-1600. (Brookland-CUA)

Middle Eastern Film: 'The Bookstore'

"From the Lands of Abraham II," a showcase for Middle Eastern films, presents "The Bookstore," a Chekhovian drama set in Tunisia. The best part is, like all bookstores, this is free to check out.

National Gallery, 4th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; Sun., Jan. 30, 4:30 p.m., free; 202-842-6799. (Archives-Navy Memorial)

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Smooth Operator: Art Sherrod

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Rams Head Tavern, 33 West St., Annapolis, Md.; Sat., Jan. 29, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m., $24.75; 410-268-4545.

Neanderthals at Play: 'Defending the Caveman'

He big screen-coveting animal. She sensitive house-fusser. Therein lies the wisdom — and the vast appeal — of Rob Becker's one-man show "Defending the Caveman." If you believe there are two types of people in this world, enjoy the insights of and get a good laugh from Becker's Manichean battle-of-the-sexes worldview.

Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington; through Feb. 26, $35-$45; 800-551-7328.

'World' on a String: Hobey Ford Puppets

Sure, Hobey Ford is known as a puppeteer of great imagination and skill, but he's primarily a storyteller, bringing narrative to life with his beautifully crafted puppets and animating them in creative ways. He tells "World Tales" through his creations this weekend.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Fri.-Sun., Jan. 28-30, 7 p.m. (Fri.), 11 a.m. (Sat.), 1 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), $14; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

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Music to Think By

Multi-talented Meredith Bragg is everywhere at once

MUSIC | Meredith Bragg gets around.

The Virginia native is a card-carrying scene fixture, for one thing, during the '90s as the lead singer of indie pop-rockers the Speedwells and lately under his own name as the voice and hand behind the wry, sweet-sad songs he performs with his band, the Terminals.

Bragg is also the sympathetic eye and ear behind the awe-inspiring short documentary "Waiting for Jar Jar," about "Star Wars" fans who camped out at the Uptown in anticipation of "Episode I: The Phantom Menace."

But it is his work as a solo singer-songwriter we're concerned with this weekend, when he plays Iota Thursday evening with Philly foursome the Nite Lights and Tori Amos-inspired writhing redhead Julia Othmer.

ADAM JOHNSTON

A DIFFERENT STRUMMER: Bragg isn't one to boast, despite his misleading name.

If the band makeup of guitar, keyboard, drums and cello doesn't set Bragg firmly enough apart from the riotously murmuring hordes of earnest shoe-gazers, the tensile strength of his lyrics, the exuberance of his arrangements and the lush beauty of his melodies does. He doesn't have an album out, despite having contributed various tracks to various "various artists" recordings, so in order to feel the magic, you have to see him live.

He's the unassuming one in the glasses, behind the guitar, breaking your heart. (EXPRESS)

Iota Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Thu., Jan. 27, 9 p.m.; $10, 703-522-8340. (Clarendon)

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Foot-Stomping: Lisner Auditorium hosts the 10th Annual Flamenco Festival. | *Cover*

➔ Also, Thursday nights at the Blue Room; finding, using and admiring beads and beadwork; reviews of new movies.

The Sound of Karma Earned

Getting down while doing good at some local rock fundraisers

OUT & ABOUT | If you have to hear music this weekend and won't settle for less than top-notch and want your ticket money to do some good, well, you're a really demanding costumer.

Fortunately, there are a couple of fabulous shows this weekend which benefit victims of the tsunami and promise to rock your socks off, albeit gently. Maybe *ease* your socks off.

Eighteenth Street Lounge trip-hoppers Thievery Corporation head up a benefit at 9:30 Club. Meanwhile, local no-depression country types Sweetiepie Jones cry in their beer for a good cause at Arlington's Iota. (EXPRESS)

BRIAN LIU

SOLID STEAL: Honor among Thievery.

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., Jan. 28, 9 p.m.; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)

Iota Club & Café, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; with Exit 10, Mark McKay, World Leader Pretend, Fri., Jan. 28, 9:30 p.m., $10 suggested donation; 703-522-8340. (Clarendon)

COURTESY ALMOSTABBA.COM

HOW SWEDE IT IS: Hair and boots are the building blocks of ABBA-tude.

Thank You (Both) for The Music

MUSIC | People must really want ABBA to reunite. "Mamma Mia!" sells out stages around the country. The album "ABBA Gold" is currently ranked number 174 in sales on Amazon. And tickets for the Black Cat's ABBA Party, featuring cover band Almost ABBA, made so much money, money, money that a second night was added. And it may be the last chance to see the celebrated tribute act, as the event has been billed as a farewell tour.

What is it about the peppy Swedish foursome that draws such adoration? Perhaps it's the cheerful pop or the zany costumes. Or how the opening strains of "Dancing Queen" physically propel one onto the dance floor. Whatever the reason, Almost ABBA encompasses all that made the group so popular. The costumes, the light show and the performers themselves aim to be a spot-on match. Naturally, the tribute band's set list mirrors "ABBA Gold," although it includes an instrumental version of "Does Your Mother Know."

The six-member band started out in 1997 as Always ABBA, but changed its name to "Almost." Since then, the group has toured internationally, satisfying Swedetooths in locales from Africa to Asia to America. ERIN O'CONNOR

Black Cat, 1811 14th St., NW; Sat. & Sun., Jan. 28-29, 9:30 p.m., $15; 202-397-7328. (U St.-Cardozo)

One Alto, One Vote

'Democracy' comes to D.C. in the form of a witty, lavish opera

STAGE | To average Americans, the 1870s don't immediately conjure up images of political intrigue.

Yet that's the period examined by the Washington National Opera's first commissioned work in more than a decade. The company will perform D.C. native Scott Wheeler's "Democracy: An American Comedy" at Lisner Auditorium this weekend.

This comedic opera, based on Henry Adams' novels and Romulus Linney's play, shows that American political treachery hardly originated in the 20th century.

The action centers around the corruption of the presidency of Ulysses S. Grant, the famed Civil War hero who managed to get re-elected despite a reputation for incompetence.

The premise and characters seem formulaic: New York socialite Madeline Lee (Keri Alkema) a principled widow, comes to the nation's capital and meets Silas Raitcliffe (Lee Poulis), a charismatic but ethically challenged senator. It's an opera, so romance ensues as Raitcliffe grapples with the moral quandaries that arise when linked with Grant.

The work lightheartedly explores the coexistence of love and power in politics, but also probes feminism and religion.

The opera marks a collaboration between composer Wheeler and Washington National Opera director Placido Domingo, whose Domingo-Cafritz Young Artist Program supplies several performers. ERIN O'CONNOR

Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW; Fri. & Sun., Jan. 28 & 30, 7:30 p.m. (Fri.), 2 p.m. (Sun.), $22-$48; 202-994-6800. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

KARIN COOPER

POLITICS AS USUAL: Keri Alkema as Mrs. Madeleine Lee in "Democracy," an intrigue that could be set in today's Washington.

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PATIENCE OF A SAINT: "Rembrandt's Late Religious Portraits," including "Self-Portrait as the Apostle Paul," go on display at the National Gallery of Art this Sunday. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; through May 1; 202-737-4215.

'Desperate' Pleasures

Loiter on Wisteria Lane with other 'Housewife' fans

OUT & ABOUT | Almost a year ago, "Sex and the City" went off the air, taking the phenomenon that was "Sex" viewing parties with it.

Now La Tasca is trying to fill the gap with a "Desperate Housewives" viewing party, figuring people will want to gather with friends to drink discounted sangria or wine.

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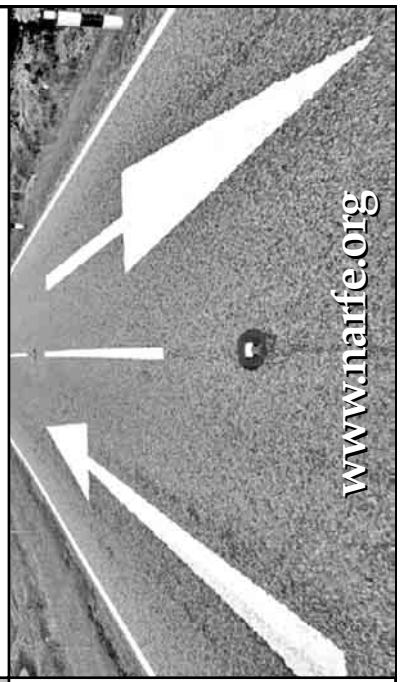

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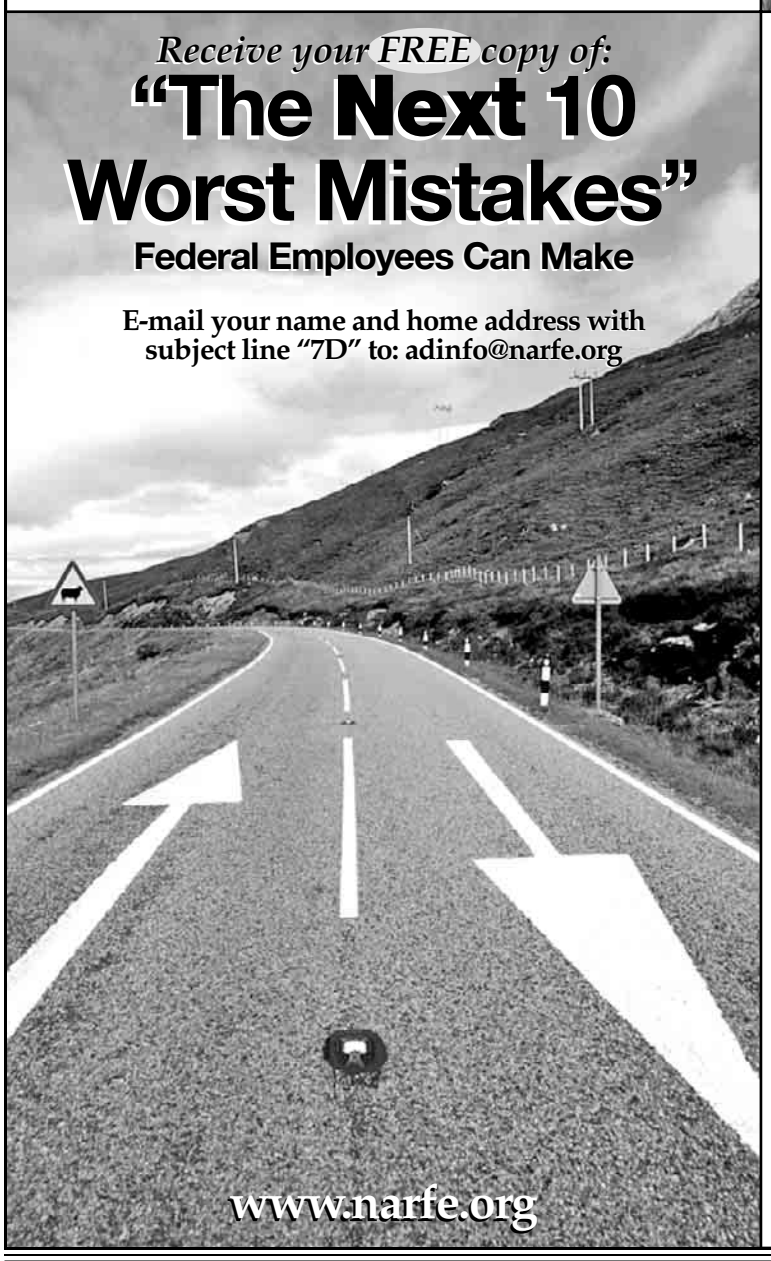

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SWEET SONGBIRD: O'Day got a thumbs-up from Jesus to become a jazz legend.

It Might as Well Be Swing

Chip Jackson hosts shindig for jazz songbird Anita O'Day

MUSIC | The 1940s was a pivotal time in the development of jazz singing.

As the music shifted from swing to bop, vocalists such as Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan set the pace. Stars like Billie Holiday and Peggy Lee shone brightly.

As part of the Kennedy Center's ongoing festival "A New America: The 1940s and the Arts," bassist Chip Jackson hosts an evening of jazz instrumentals that pays homage to the singers and bandleaders of that era.

He'll be joined Saturday in the Terrace Gallery by saxman Jerry Dodgion, drummer Eddie Locke, and pianist Don Rebic. They'll trade choruses and share reminiscences of figures from Woody Herman to Helen Humes.

The premier attraction, though, will be Anita O'Day. For a finale, she'll join the band on several numbers. A tough and spirited performer with a real sense of swing, she emerged in the '40s to become a jazz legend.

Although O'Day claims that Jesus appeared to her during a '30s dance marathon and OK'd her singing ambitions, it was Gene Krupa who actually gave her entrée to the big time. She joined the drummer's band at age 21, almost immediately scoring a hit with "Let Me Off Uptown."

A few years later she signed on with Stan Kenton, setting the stage for the Cool School vocalists that would come forward from his band in the '50s.

Although sidelined by heroin, O'Day found her footing again and resumed a recording career that continued into the '90s, one of a few survivors from the golden age of vocal jazz. GLENN DIXON

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Sat., Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m., $25; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

Accents on Latin

David Sánchez and his saxophone turn Latin jazz inside-out

MUSIC | A decade ago, saxophonist and composer David Sánchez was part of a renegade set out to modernize Latin jazz. Along with pianist Danilo Perez and vocalists Claudia Acuna and Luciana Souza, Sánchez expanded the scope of the idiom by highlighting lesser-known strands within the Afro-Latin diaspora while infusing the improvisational vocabulary and pliant interplay of contemporary bop.

On his auspicious 1994 debut, "The Departure" Sánchez delved into his Puerto Rican heritage and brought forth the island's infectious bomba rhythm while uncorking blistering solos that betrayed his huge debts to tenor titans, such as Sonny Rollins, John Coltrane and Pharoah Sanders.

Sure, his cocksure navigations through tricky rhythmic figures and jolting harmonies were hot. And he continued to blaze on succeeding albums like the Afrocentric "Melaza" (2000) and the equally intense "Travesia" (2001). Still, he demonstrated more than virtuosic brawn, displaying a clever, orchestral approach to group dynamics that make typical, if moldy modifiers like caliente and picante insufficient.

Sánchez's artistry becomes more sensual when his saxophone sizzles quell down to incandescent flickers. Softer-hued jewels, such as "Obsession" (1998) and last year's "Coral," which showcased his burly saxophone nestling inside the posh orchestral arrangements of the City of Prague Philharmonic Orchestra, attest to his artistic range and, as always, his desire to challenge all limited notions of Latin jazz.

JOHN MURPH

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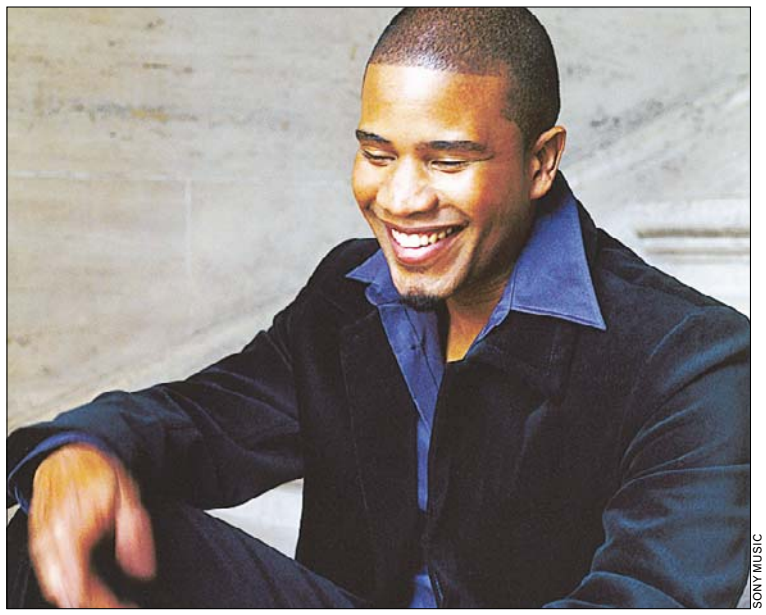

SONY MUSIC

SAXY: Sánchez is revolutionizing a strain of jazz often dismissed as "caliente."

STAGE | SEX, LIES AND CIGARS

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SHE'S HOT-BLOODED: The opera of Mallarmé's "Carmen," a timeless story of passion, jealousy and revenge, comes to George Mason in all its blood-soaked splendor thanks to Opera Verdi Europa. Above, Carmen, second from left, is up to no good. GMU, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax; Sun., Jan. 30, 4 p.m., $20-$40; 703-218-6500.

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Sharp Humor: Carlos Mencia

Comic Carlos Mencia exposes hypocrisies small and large; standing ovations on "The Tonight Show" prove folks are listening.

DC Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave., NW; Fri.-Sun., 8 & 10:30 p.m., $25; 202-296-7008. (Farragut North)

Pretty Things: Beauty Pill at Iota

Local buzz-generating fivesome Beauty Pill makes gloriously cynical post-punk.

Iota Club & Café, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Sun., Jan 30, 8:30 p.m., $10; 703-522-8340. (Clarendon)

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KRISTIN FORBES

Beauty Pill's music is far from happy, but its observations are usually spot on.

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Barbara Mujica

Friday, February 4 at 7 p.m.

This award-winning author reads from her bold and inventive novel *Frida*. Told from the point of view of Frida Kahlo's sister, Cristina, this fictionalized account details the turbulent life and tumultuous loves of the famous, Mexican painter.

Preceded by a gallery talk about Frida Kahlo at 6 p.m
Reception and book signing to follow.

Admission: $10 general, $8 visitors 60 and over, $7 NMWA members, $5 students

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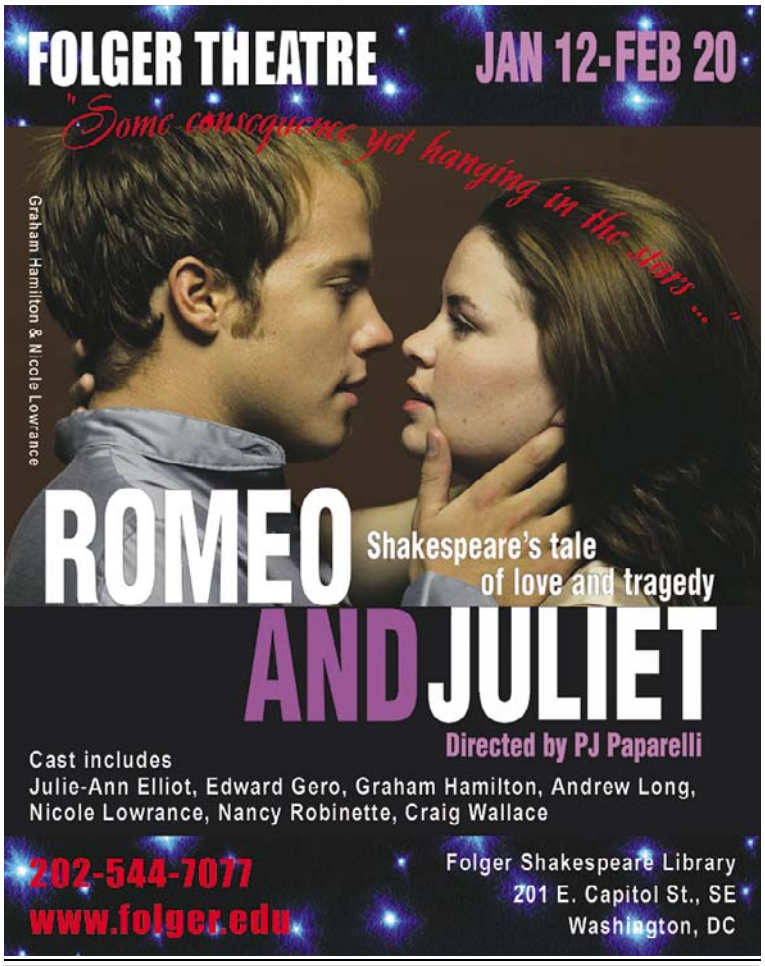

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DJ Kaskade did it the hard way — through talent and dedication

OUT & ABOUT | Ever encounter someone in the entertainment biz who didn't use his connections to get a gig?

Meet San Francisco-based deep house DJ Kaskade. He spins Saturday night at Five and how he landed a contract with prominent dance label Om is a remarkable tale of integrity.

Working as an assistant A&R at the label, Kaskade (aka Ryan Raddon) coveted a spot on its notable roster. Instead of audaciously yakking up his own beatmaking prowess to head honchos, Raddon anonymously inserted a demo into a pile headed to Om owner Chris Smith. Smith loved the grooves and based on his sonic prowess, Raddon inked a recording contract with the same label he worked for.

A pair of albums followed, injecting live musicians and vocalists into pre-recorded fare, representing a soulful house evolution. Among the finest was the zippy jam "Steppin' Out" from his disc "In the Moment," repeatedly cited as the finest tune of last year's Winter Music Conference in Miami.

OM RECORDS

DEEP DISH: Kaskade (aka Ryan Raddon) spins grooves from maverick to polka.

Raddon's melodic production work even includes a remix of Lawrence Welk's "String of Pearls." If he can keep folks gyrating with beats culled from the polka king, Five's dance floors shouldn't be a problem. CRAIG SMITH

Five; 1214 B 18th Street NW; with DJ Colette, Sat., Jan. 29, 10 p.m., $10; 202-331-7123. (Dupont Circle)

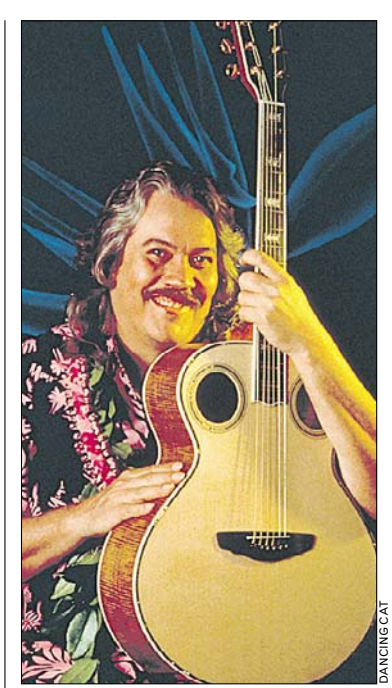
If You Like Pina Coladas ...

The Hawaiian Guitar Festival at Wolf Trap will take the chill off

MUSIC | The once-lovely snow is mostly filthy slush, temperatures are low, the wind is vicious and you haven't seen your knees since September. (Warning: They're eerily pale and kind of knobby, no offense.) A trip to a tropical paradise would really come in handy right about now.

And we're in luck. Wolf Trap is hosting a grand Hawaiian Slack-Key Guitar festival featuring some of the giants in the art, the better to waft warm breezes and coconut-scented sunshine — or the aural version of same — over half-frozen Washingtonians.

The three artists featured are pals as well as genre compatriots: singer, songwriter, arranger, composer and, of course, premier guitarist Keola Beamer can trace his roots back to the family of King Kamehameha; multi-Hoku award winner John Keawe is as adept at catchy good-time music as he is at touching songs about Hawaii's history of moving holiday music.



DANCING CAT

Keola Beamer and his slack-key stylings bring island warmth to Wolf Trap.

And Chris Yeaton revolutionized the genre with "Kakaha Malie," a blending of traditional island music with mainland mountain folk.

We can only admire their dedication: Beamer, Keawe and Yeaton must have a great love of performing and bringing a little mental Mai Tai to thirsty folks.

Why else would anyone leave those balmy islands behind? (EXPRESS)

Wolf Trap, the Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; Thu., Jan. 27, 8 p.m., $20; 703-218-6500.

TopStops

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War Babies: P.W. Singer Reading

Internationally recognized expert on 21st-century warfare P. W. Singer talks about his new book, "Children at War," an in-depth study of how children are indoctrinated and trained as soldiers, and how it can be stopped.

Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919. (Van Ness-UDC)

The Only Prescription: Blue Oyster Cult

"I gotta have more cowbell!" It's not Blue Oyster Cult's fault the most innovative moment in their greatest song has become a punch line — although the "Saturday Night Live" sketch sending up the band's immortal cowbell solo is one of the funniest TV moments in history. Still, BoC's "Don't Fear the Reaper" is a fantastic piece of shag-rug liebestod, and these '70s relics haven't lost their fevah despite an altered incarnation.

BEN DEVRIES/AP

Hey, guys; where's the famous cowbell?

Rams Head Tavern, 33 West St., Annapolis, Md.; Thu., 6:30 & 9:30 p.m., $46.75; 410-268-4545.

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The secret to Simple Plan's success is its refusal to grow up

MUSIC | They might not be Green Day, but the Montreal-based punk-pop quintet Simple Plan is still representing for the genre.

After all, if Green Day can transform from being the poster children for Gen Xer's screw-everything movement into the politically charged brains behind 2004's concept album "American Idiot," then Simple Plan can peppfully belt out the anguishes of adolescence.

Radio stations certainly aren't complaining, evidenced by the heavily rotated single "Welcome to My Life" from sophomore album "Still Not Getting Any ..." So what if at times Simple Plan is a little more pop than punk, hyperactivity is never compromised.

Hey, they never pretended to be complex. DARONA WILLIAMS (EXPRESS)

Nation, 1015 Half St. SE; Sat., Jan. 29, 8 p.m., $17.50; 800-551-7328.

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LAST OF THE FAUX-HICANS: Simple Plan guys crop their pants one leg at a time.

MUSIC | SOUL DEEP

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THIS GOES OUT TO THE LADIES: R&B perfomers Mario Winans, Carl Thomas and 112, above, share soothing voices, wholesome images and roots in gospel and soul. Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW; 8 p.m., $55; 800-551-7328.

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Going Out | Bar Video Games

If your idea of kicking off a night out is pressing the "START" button, a few local bars offer a way to continue your button-jamming exploits while still appearing social.

ADAMS MILL (1813 Adams Mill Rd. NW; 202-332-9577) offers a stack of Xbox games; run up the score on Madden NFL 2005 and watch dazzled women flock to your side. It's first-come, first-serve, so grab any available spot on a sofa to wait your turn.

If you like your gaming old-school, **TOM TOM** (2333 18th St. NW; 202-518-6667) has a Nintendo and a Super Nintendo, each with its own TV and couches. Try to remember the tricks you once mastered on games such as Super Mario Kart and Super Mario Brothers. Reach nostalgic nirvana as you strain to recall the locations of those darn secret warp tunnels.

The pair of hulking blue boxes in the corner of **DR. DREMO**'s (2001 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington; 703-528-4660) are, in fact, game consoles — one houses a Nintendo GameCube, the other a Playstation II. They're refugees from a now-defunct Blockbuster, where customers used them to try out video games before renting. Star Wars: The Clone Wars and WWE Attitude were on offer on a recent visit. CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

Show off your gaming prowess at a local bar.

LIVE ONLINE

Ask Tom

TOM SIETSEMA talks restaurants Wednesdays at 11 a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

Does the D.C. area have a good Thai restaurant that does not dump a cup of sugar into each dish?

I've noticed this unfortunate trend, too. Try Thai Square or Bangkok 54 for terrific cooking without excessive sweetness.

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Where is the best place to get quality Southern food in the city? I have family coming up from Mississippi tomorrow.

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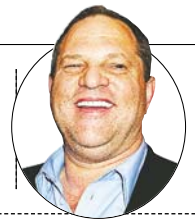

IRONY ALERT: Miramax Films earned 20 Academy Award nominations in what could be the studio's swan song. After months of public quarreling over finances, Harvey, left, and Bob Weinstein and Miramax's owner, Walt Disney Co., appear close to calling it quits.

REALITY TV: Three actors, left, and one wrongly accused man in "The Exonerated."

Live From Death Row

TRUE STORIES | Adapted from an off-Broadway play, "The Exonerated" (9 p.m., Court TV) presents first-person stories of six death-row inmates, all of them wrongly accused and convicted. Actors Brian Dennehy, Danny Glover, Delroy Lindo, Susan Sarandon, Aidan Quinn and newcomer David Brown Jr. present their stories in overlapping fashion.

Each monologue is presented against a black background, evoking a bare stage. Other actors present the testimony of police officers and the commentary of judges and attorneys, but for the most part the television stage belongs to the actors alone. This effect makes "The Exonerated" a powerful and rare example of experimental drama, as well as a damning case against the capricious application of capital punishment.

The dialogue presented is based on the prisoner's own words and was collected from interviews, letters, court transcripts and the public record. At the end of the film, the real-life exonerated prisoners are shown. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

TEACHING TOLERANCE

Linda Ellerbee hosts a **NICK NEWS** special (8:30 p.m., Nickelodeon). "Never Again? From the Holocaust to Sudan" presents a survey history of the Final Solution, then shifts focus to the current murderous situation in the Darfur region of the Sudan.

WHITE(?!?) WEDDINGS

IN STYLE CELEBRITY WEDDINGS (8 p.m., ABC) looks at recent Hollywood nuptials. The magazine's correspondents had access to the weddings of Kevin Costner, Star Jones Reynolds, Britney Spears, Tori Spelling and others.

WE'RE NUMBER TWO

THE APPRENTICE (8:30 p.m., NBC) Rival teams manage seaside hotels. By the way, doesn't anybody in the "book-smart" band of geniuses know that "Magna" is only the second-best academic designation?

ABC

The Spears-Federlines celebrate their big day. We give it two years, tops.

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL

Secrets spill out on **POINT PLEASANT** (9 p.m., Fox). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

1.27.05		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News CC		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Joey CC	The Apprentice "Motel 666" (N) CC			(9:59) ER "The Providers" (N) CC		News CC	Tonight Show
	WTTG 5	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Friends CC	Seinfeld CC	The O.C. "The Accomplice" (N) CC		Point Pleasant "Who's Your Daddy"		News		Friends CC	Drew Carey
	WJLA 7	News CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	In Style Celebrity Weddings (N) CC		Extreme Makeover CC		PrimeTime Live CC		News CC	(:35) Nightline
	WUSA 9	News CC	CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Wickedly Perfect (N) CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Without a Trace "American Goddess"		News CC	Late Show
	WDCA 20	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Girlfriends CC	Girlfriends CC	WWE SmackDown! (N) CC				King of the Hill	King of the Hill	Every-Raymond	Dharma & Greg
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		State of the State		Ask This Old	MotorWeek (N)	The Perilous Fight: America's World War II in Color CC				American Experience	
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Islam: Empire of Faith CC					Globe Trekker "Tokyo City Guide"		Charlie Rose (N)
	WHUT 32	For Gold and Glory CC		BBC World News	MoneyWise CC	On Africa				BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) CC	
	WBDC 50	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	★★ "Home Fries" (1998, Comedy) Drew Barrymore, Luke Wilson. CC				Will & Grace	Just Shoot Me	Will & Grace	Blind Date (N)
BASIC CABLE	A&E	City Confidential CC		American Justice: Payback		Cold Case Files A Florida man vanishes. CC				The First 48 CC		Crossing Jordan "Ties That Bind"	
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries CC		The Most Extreme "Defenders" CC		The Planet's Funniest Animals CC		Pet Star		Animal Cops Houston		The Planet's Funniest Animals CC	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			BET Style	The Parkers	Girlfriends CC	College Hill (Season Premiere) (N)		Club Comic View		BET Nightly News	BET Style
	Bravo	(4:30) ★★ "The Name of the Rose"		The West Wing "Commencement"		Queer Eye for the Straight Girl CC		Celebrity Poker Showdown CC				The West Wing "Commencement"	
	Comedy	Crank Yankers	Reno 911! CC	Daily Show	Mad TV CC		Reno 911! CC	Crank Yankers	South Park CC	Drawn Together	Shorties Watchin'	Daily Show	Daily Show
	Court	NYPD Blue "Under Covers" CC		Cops CC	Cops CC	Innocence Project: A Life Stolen		"The Exonerated" (2005) Susan Sarandon. Premiere.			Forensic Files	Hollywood Heat	Hollywood Justice
	Discovery	Monster Garage CC		American Chopper CC		Monster Nation Building a toaster.		Point of No Return CC		American Casino CC		Monster Nation Building a toaster.	
	DISCH	Chicago Hope CC		Trauma: Life in the ER CC		Plastic Surgery: Before and After		Plastic Surgery: Before and After		Plastic Surgery: Before and After		Plastic Surgery: Before and After	
	Disney	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	"Now You See It..." (2005, Adventure) Alyson Michalka, Johnny Pacar. CC				Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	That's So Raven	That's So Raven
	E!	Love Is in the Heir	Hollywd Love	E! News (N)	Dr. 90210	Mary Kay Letourneau: True Story		The Entertainer		Saturday Night Live CC		Howard Stern	Howard Stern
	FX	Fear Factor CC		King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	Fear Factor CC	
	HGTV	Wknd Warriors	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Mission: Orgnz	Designed to Sell	Divine Design	Designers'	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	Design on a Dime	Painted House
	Family	7th Heaven "Dangerous Liaisons"		Smallville "Forsaken" CC		★★ "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery" (1997) Mike Myers.				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club CC	
	History	Nature Tech "Lightning" CC		Modern Marvels CC		The Plot to Kill Nixon Samuel Byck leads a secret life. (N)			Infamous Murders	Modern Marvels "Harvesting" CC		Modern Marvels CC	
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	★★ "A Marriage of Convenience" (1998, Drama) Jane Seymour. CC (DVS)				"Widow on the Hill" (2005, Drama) Natasha Henstridge, James Brolin. CC				The Nanny CC	The Golden Girls
	MTV	Nick & Jessica	Ashlee-Show	Direct Effect		Made		R. Wrld Chal.	R. Wrld Chal.	Made "BMX Race" BMX racing. (N)		Ashlee-Show	Ashlee-Show
	NICK	Teenage Robot	Rugrats CC	Jimmy Neutron	Fairly Oddparents	SpongeBob	News Special	Full House CC	Full House CC	Murphy Brown	Murphy Brown	Murphy Brown	Murphy Brown
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Sentinel" CC		★★ "They Nest" (2000) Thomas Calabro, Dean Stockwell. CC				"Larva" (2005, Science Fiction) Vincent Ventresca, Rachel Hunter. CC				★★ "Bugs" (2003) CC	
	SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		MXC	MXC	Hey! Spring of	MXC	MXC	MXC
	TBS	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends CC	Friends CC	★★ "Sugar & Spice" (2001, Comedy) Marley Shelton, James Marsden.				(10:55) ★★ "Little Nicky" (2000) CC	
	TLC	Clean Sweep Hobby clutter. CC		In a Fix "Living Breathing Room"		Overhaulin' "Lucky Star" CC		Jump London		Sports Disasters: Danger Zone CC		Overhaulin' "Lucky Star" CC	
	TNT	Charmed "A Witch's Tail" CC		NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Indiana Pacers. From Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. (Live)					NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at San Antonio Spurs. From the SBC Center in San Antonio.				
	USA	JAG "Mixed Messages" CC		Medical Investigation CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		★ "Queen of the Damned" (2002, Horror) Stuart Townsend, Aaliyah. CC				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
	VHI	I Love the '90s: Part Deux "1994"		I Love the '90s: Part Deux "1995"		I Love the '90s: Part Deux "1996"		I Love the '90s: Part Deux "1997"		I Love the '90s: Part Deux "1998"		I Love the '90s: Part Deux "1999"	
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC		College Basketball Michigan at Michigan State. (Live) CC				Tilt (N) CC		Tilt CC		SportsCenter (Live) CC	
	ESPN2	Juggling	NFL Live CC	College Basketball Cincinnati at South Florida. (Live) CC				College Basketball DePaul at Memphis. (Live) CC				Gamenight	Tennis: Aust.
	CSN	The Sports List	SportsNite CC	Ship Shape TV	Pro View	On Campus	College Basketball Washington at Arizona. (Live)				SportsNite CC	College Basketball	
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight CC		CNN Special Report "Iraqi Elections" Iraqi elections. (Live) CC				Larry King Live CC		CNN Presents: Under Fire		Lou Dobbs Tonight	
	FNC	Special Report (Live) CC		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live) CC		Hannity & Colmes (Live) CC		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	The Abrams Report		Hardball CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		MSNBC Reports		Scarborough Country		Hardball CC	
MOVIES	AMC	(5:30) ★★★ "The Color of Money" (1986, Drama) Paul Newman. 'R' CC				★★★ "The Towering Inferno" (1974, Drama) Steve McQueen. Fire puts a damper on a skyscraper's grand opening party. 'PG'							★★ Earthquake
	TCM	(5:30) ★★★ "Green Dolphin Street" (1947, Drama) Lana Turner. 'NR' CC				★★★ "Kelly's Heroes" (1970, Comedy) Clint Eastwood, Telly Savalas. 'GP' CC (DVS)					★★ "White Comanche" (1967) Joseph Cotten. 'NR' CC		
	HBO	(5:00) ★★ "Wild America" (1997)		Real Sports CC		Inside the NFL CC		"Dirty War" (2004, Drama) Alastair Galbraith. 'NR' CC			Unscripted CC	Real Sex Xtra	Real Sex Xtra
	MAX	(4:30) Biker Boyz	★★ "Spartan" (2004, Suspense) Val Kilmer. 'R' CC			(:15) ★★ "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003) Steve Martin. 'PG' CC				★★ "Gothika" (2003, Horror) Halle Berry. 'R' CC			Erotic Confessn
	SHOW	★★ "Rocky V" (1990, Drama) Sylvester Stallone. iTV. 'PG-13' CC				★★★ "Starship Troopers" (1997) Casper Van Dien. iTV. 'R' CC				(:15) ★★ "Barbershop" (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube. iTV. 'PG-13' CC			
	TMC	(:15) ★ "The Matchmaker" (1997, Comedy) Janeane Garofalo. 'R'				★★ "The Road to Wellville" (1994, Comedy) Anthony Hopkins. 'R' CC				★★ "Cops and Robbersons" (1994) Chevy Chase. 'PG'			Deviant Vixens II
	STARZ!	(4:35) ★★★ "Open Range" (2003)		On the Set	(:20) ★★ "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen"			★★ "The Human Stain" (2003, Drama) Anthony Hopkins. 'R' CC				(10:50) ★★ "Below" (2002) 'R' CC	
	ENCORE	★★ "Moonlight Mile" (2002, Drama) Jake Gyllenhaal. 'PG-13' CC				★ "The Master of Disguise" (2002) Dana Carvey. 'PG'			★ "A Man Apart" (2003, Action) Vin Diesel, Larenz Tate. 'R' CC				White Men

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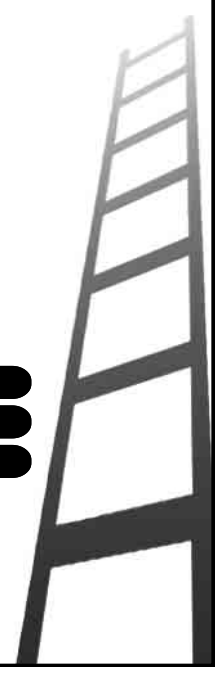

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The staff includes naturopathic doctors, nurses, nutritionists, clinical herbal therapists, homeopaths and aestheticians. There is an extensive selection of herbs and dietary supplements.

Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy, founded in 2000, is one of a growing number of pharmacies tapping into the market of Americans curious about alternative health care. Although many traditional pharmacies, health food stores and supermarkets have expanded their offerings of herbs and supplements, many lack staff trained to talk about usage, side effects or interactions between herbal products and drugs.

> "These are the pharmacies that are going to be on the front lines."
>
> CANDY TSOUROUNIS, DIRECTOR OF THE PHARMACY SCHOOL DRUG INFORMATION CENTER

Many intergrative pharmacies post individual vitamin and herb information compiled by doctors and research analysts. Pharmaca even tests some out themselves.

Companies such as Pharmaca, Elephant Pharmacy and Ritzman Natural Health Pharmacy are betting that integrative pharmacies are the wave of the future. "These are the pharmacies that are going to be on the front lines," said Candy Tsourounis, director of the Pharmacy School Drug Information Center at the University of California, San Francisco. "We are going to see them draw both types of customers — those refilling prescription medicine, but also those who would like to find out more about St. John's wort and kava kava — something that traditional pharmacies have not done very well."

GARY FRIEDMAN/L.A. TIMES

HEALTH FARE: Pharmaca's Los Angeles pharmacy incorporates yoga into its offerings, as well as a kiosk for information on herbal supplements.

Pharmaca has 11 stores and plans to open 10 additional locations during the next two years. Elephant Pharmacy, which opened in 2002, plans to open two more stores this year.

Major drugstores are not standing by idly watching this trend. Rite-Aid placed GNC Live Well stores inside 1,200 of its 3,400 U.S. locations and adds them to every new or remodeled outlet, said spokeswoman Jody Cook. HILARY E. MACGREGOR (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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Film | Sundance

Washington Post staff writer **WILLIAM BOOTH** was online Wednesday from Park City, Utah, to discuss the Sundance Film Festival | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

So what's happening out there?

I saw "Kung Fu Hustle" the other day. Directed by Stephen Chow. It is hilarious. The kung fu masters include a cigarette-chomping landlady in hair curlers. Man, can she fight. It's a comedy, with "Matrix"-style special effects. It never takes itself too seriously. And the audience laughed for 99 minutes.

Is the Sundance Film Festival open to anyone? And how much would it cost to get in and see a few flicks?

Yes, the Sundance Film Festival, like the many others around the country, is open to anyone. You can go to the Sundance Web site (sundanceonlinefilmfestival.org) for information on tickets.

Have you gotten over to Slamdance? Seems like some of those screenings might be more interesting than the better-funded ones at Sundance.

My bad. Last year, I caught a Slamdance film or two. This year, I've been swamped. But I agree, each year the Slamdance stuff gets better. To explain: Slamdance is a kind of cousin-fest that runs during Sundance. The Sundance people at first referred to it as a parasite festival. But everyone seems to now accept it. It shows stuff that didn't get into Sundance. The films often are done on a real shoestring budget, but there can be some gems.

It's sad to see stars like Lisa Kudrow raving about how thrilled they are to be at Sundance when all they want is the indie film work. Remember "Sideways"? Maybe Paul Giamatti not getting nominated will show these "not ready for prime-time 'indie' actors" that they aren't good.

Well, not so sad, really. Sundance, and other festivals, are increasingly used to launch "little" films. True, some stars slum in indie roles to up the street cred, but others are talented actors drawn to the more character-driven (and sometimes weirder and more wonderful) roles in the small flicks. As for Giamatti, he wasn't "nomed" for an Oscar, but he is now certainly on the map.

➜ Today on Live Online

NOON: Washingtonpost.com writer Kim O'Donnel discusses vegetarian cooking.

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*

Letters

Let Kids Learn on the 'Net

THERE ARE two issues at work in the "Library Pass" story in Wednesday's Express: the importance of students learning to use actual physical books as a reference, and the reliability of information on the Internet. Though I agree that students need to learn to find reliable sources for research, I don't think minimizing use of the Internet is the most effective way. We are in a technological age, and although it's disheartening, physical books are being replaced.

—BRIE LEVITAN
Burke, Va.

Speak Up for Your Seat

TO THE WRITER of "Pregnant Pause" — here's a tip my former manager showed me: She'd stand by the priority seats, rub her belly and groan. More seriously, if you need a seat, I'd hope you could get one by asking someone if you could sit down.

—BRIAN GRAY
Washington, D.C.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Mostly sunny, windy, much colder	Clear, frigid	Mostly sunny, very cold	Increasingly cloudy, milder later	A shower of rain or wet snow	Chance for a bit of rain or drizzle
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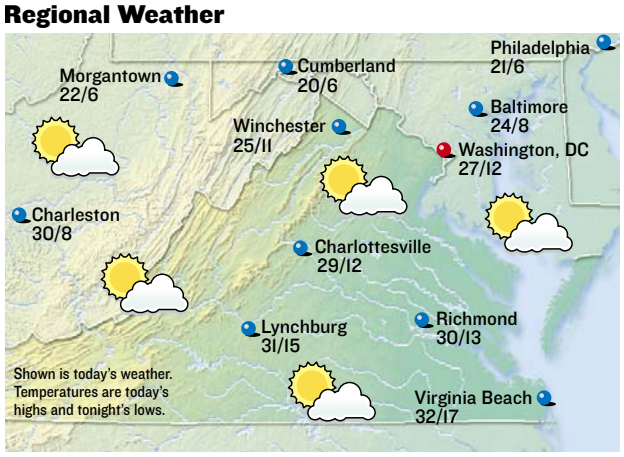

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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

High	48°
Low	31°
Normal high	43°
Normal low	27°
Average humidity	65%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	Trace
Month to date	2.93"
Normal month to date	2.71"
Year to date	2.93"
Last year to date	1.24"
Normal year to date	2.71"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see:
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Regional Forecast

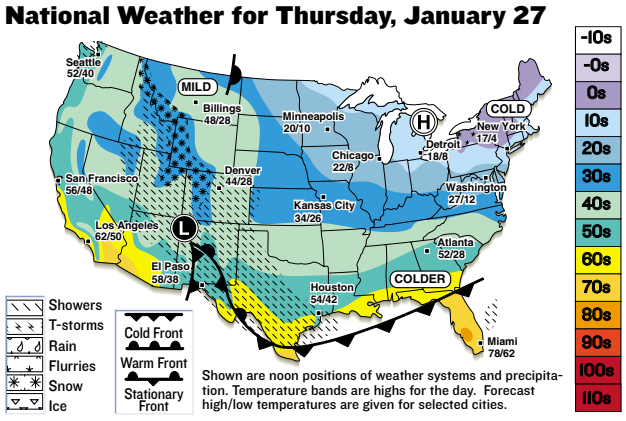
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny, blustery, much colder. High 27. Wind north to northwest 12-22 mph. Tonight, clear, frigid, diminishing wind. Low 12.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:19 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:24 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:37 p.m.
Moonset today	8:48 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Feb 2	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 23

National Weather for Thursday, January 27



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National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	52/28/pc	42/30/pc
Boston	15/0/sf	17/12/s
Chicago	22/8/s	32/22/s
Dallas	48/36/r	53/43/sh
Denver	44/28/sh	48/23/sh
Honolulu	82/67/sh	81/66/pc
Los Angeles	62/50/pc	62/48/r
Miami	78/62/pc	76/64/sh
New York City	17/4/s	20/14/s
Orlando	76/54/pc	70/56/sh
Seattle	52/40/pc	52/40/c

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	39/32/sh	39/31/sh
Athens	52/40/pc	52/50/r
Berlin	27/16/c	25/16/sn
Buenos Aires	88/66/pc	91/70/s
Calgary	49/22/c	39/17/c
Dublin	47/37/pc	46/39/pc
Geneva	26/13/s	31/17/pc
Moscow	9/2/sn	18/12/sn
Rome	35/23/sn	37/21/pc
Sydney	79/63/t	77/64/t
Tokyo	45/36/c	49/41/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

LOOK out

People

ETHICS

But the Public Has a Right to See Nicole Without Makeup

NICOLE KIDMAN has asked a court to issue a restraining order against two Sydney photographers, their lawyer said Wednesday. Roland Day said two of his clients had been served papers filed on behalf of the actress notifying them that the application would be heard on Thursday. It was not immediately clear whether Kidman's application for a restraining order was related to this weekend's bugging incident. "Ms. Kidman appears to be trying to control how the media covers her personal and public life," Day said Wednesday. (AP)

LAURENT GILLIERON/AP

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AP

SECRET RULERS OF THE WORLD

Puppet Masters

The World Economic Forum opened Wednesday in Switzerland, where the weakening dollar, the rising euro and **SHARON STONE** were on many minds. Angelina Jolie, **RICHARD GERE** and **BONO** plan to focus on how the world's eight richest countries, the G-8, can do more to reduce poverty and fight AIDS. (AP)

Turning on the alarm system just isn't the Southern way.

MARK HUMPHREY/AP

THEFT

Hide the Blinging Belt Buckles

A neighbor has been charged with stealing more than $500,000 in jewelry from **HANK WILLIAMS JR**'s country retreat in Paris, Tenn., on Jan. 19, authorities said. The alarm system in the 10,000-square-foot house wasn't on that night, and the burglar walked right in, police said. (AP)

BABY NAMES

Who Cares About Your Kid? Does Harry Die or Not?

J.K. ROWLING, creator of the Harry Potter book series, has named her new baby daughter Mackenzie. The 39-year-old British author gave birth to her third child at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary on Sunday. In a note posted Tuesday on her Web site, Rowling wrote: "Her name is Mackenzie Murray (middle names Jean Rowling) and she is ridiculously beautiful, though I suppose I might be biased." Rowling and her husband, Dr. Neil Murray, said they are "absolutely delighted" with their new arrival. (AP)

IAN WEST/AP

You're the fleshly, earthen vessel of Harry Potter, J.K. Not a real celebrity.

DAVID KOHL/AP

Debbie in 2001, showing warning signs like heavy eye makeup and a tacky ring.

EWWWW

Maybe Only in Your Filthy Dreams, But Not Ours

Children of the '80s, cover your eyes. Singer **DEBBIE GIBSON**, she of "Only in My Dreams" and "Electric Youth," will at last shed her girlish innocence — in the March issue of Playboy, E! Online reported. The layout showcases the 34-year-old in a "well-defined, yet very sexy, feminine look." But if you always liked Tiffany better, know this: Gibson's rival stripped for Playboy first, in 2002, according to E! (EXPRESS)

T.M.I.

Keep It to Yourself, Rainman

Proving that press junkets are a hazard to society, **DUSTIN HOFFMAN** revealed that he enjoys chatting while sitting on the can, Reuters reported. "When I was growing up, in my house, it was one of the best places to have a conversation," he said while promoting "Meet the Fockers" in Madrid. "So after I grew up ... with the girlfriends that I had, it continued." (EXPRESS)

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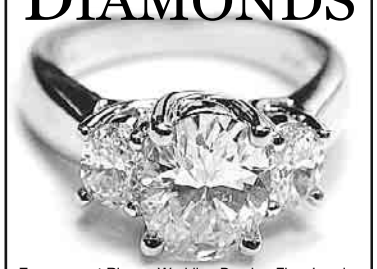

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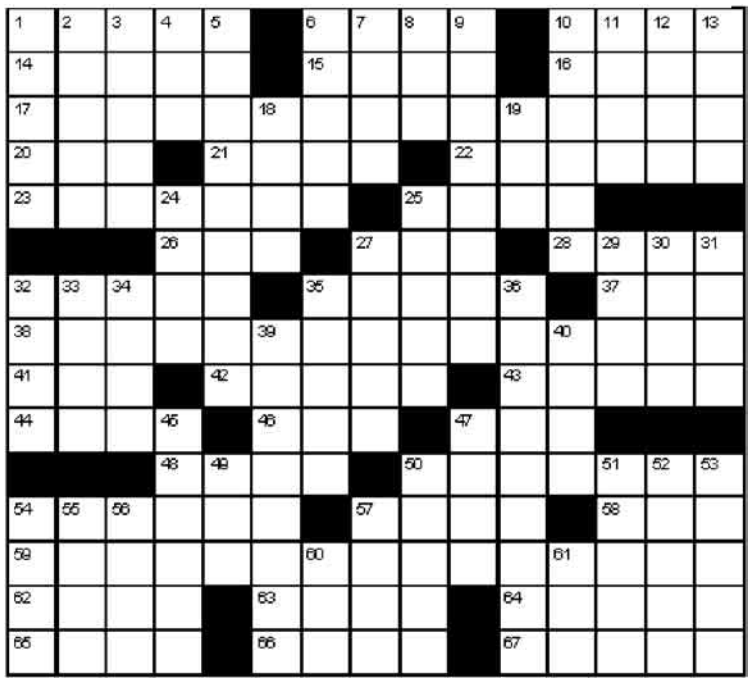
1945

On Jan. 27, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland; also, in 1880, inventor Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

Offend With Friends | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*



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Yesterday's Solution

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A conflict between surface emotions and hidden feelings will become far more vivid. Address it now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may be waiting for someone close to you to have a change of heart before you finalize plans. Indeed, patience is a virtue.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't be afraid of the same old thing, as you have what it takes to inject a new spice and excitement into everything you do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Once you get started you won't want to quit, so be sure you have the time to dedicate to this new pet project.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Talk is cheap, but it can serve you well as you attempt to get to the bottom of a particularly stubborn problem. Communication is the key.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll enjoy the opportunity to get back to your roots. A development will recharge next week's endeavors.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The unusual will reign, at least later on when your defenses are down. A close friend or loved one makes a perfect companion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can learn how to make your own instincts work for you on a more permanent basis. Get in touch with yourself on a deeper level.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're dealing with things on the surface, and though you are making progress, there are certainly deeper levels to examine. Do so.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Hidden sources of anger and other negative emotions may be revealed. As a result, you can free yourself from self-imposed restraints.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're in the mood to do something new for yourself, and the opportunities are virtually endless. See if you can't surprise yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Domestic issues are not at all as formidable as you are making them. Be willing to address problems head on.

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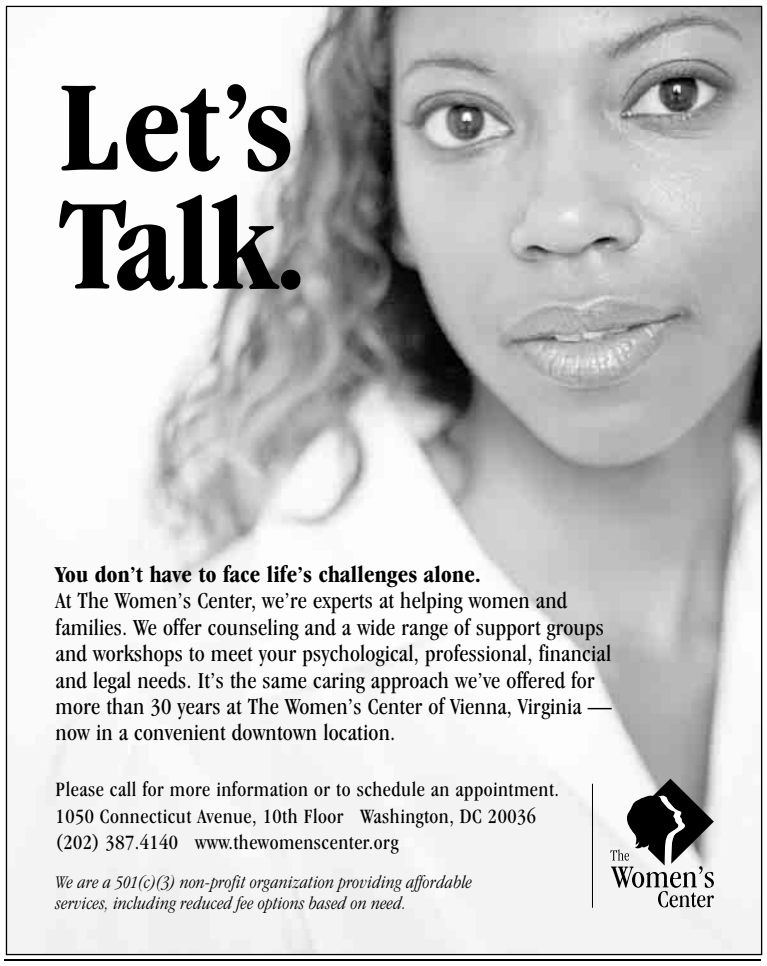

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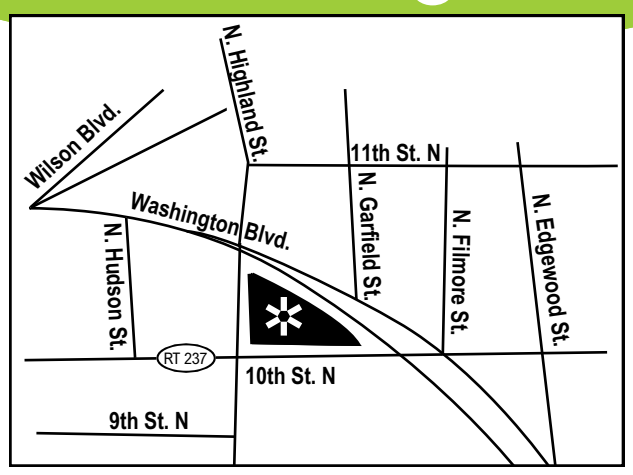

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